PREPARATORY BRIEFING FOR NAV 58

The 58th session of the IMO’s Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation meets from 2 to 6 July 2012. This briefing sets out views on a number of agenda items.

WORKING AND DRAFTING GROUPS

It is expected that the following Working and Drafting Groups will be established:

**Working Groups**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WG</th>
<th>Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Ships’ Routeing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Technical Working Group</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>E-Navigation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Drafting Groups**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DG</th>
<th>Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Policy and new symbols for AIS aids to navigation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Agenda Item 1 (Adoption of the Agenda)**. No further comment.

**Agenda Item 2: Decisions of other IMO bodies**

1. COMSAR 16 considered the use of AIS technology in connection with Man Overboard beacons (see COMSAR 16/17, paragraph 7.20). After their discussions, they considered that the main concern was the text message accompanying the alert. COMSAR has asked NAV to develop guidance to seafarers on this matter, for the consideration of COMSAR 17 in 2013. This issue will also be discussed under Agenda Item 5.

2. There is some concern that NAV needs to concentrate on ECDIS anomalies in the next two sessions of the Sub-Committee and that this is planned in advance.

**Agenda Item 3: Routeing of ships, ship reporting and related matters**

3. As is normal, the Sub-Committee will receive several proposals for new routeing measures or amendments to existing schemes.

4. A significant increase in the number of proposals related to planned offshore renewable energy developments.
Agenda Item 4: Amendments to resolution A.572(14)\(^1\), as amended

5. The Sub-Committee will continue its discussion on potential amendments to the General Provisions On Ships' Routeing. **THE NETHERLANDS** have submitted (NAV 58/4) a proposal which addresses additional guidance for the design and description of traffic separation schemes, in particular of those traffic separation schemes that form part of a composite routeing system, including associated routes or routeing measures other than traffic separation schemes.

Agenda Item 5: ITU matters, including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group matters

6. The Sub-Committee will receive (NAV 58/5) a report on progress made in ITU since NAV 57 with regard to issues of relevance to the Sub-Committee.

7. Additionally, **AUSTRALIA** has submitted additional comments on the issue raised at the COMSAR Sub-Committee regarding Man Overboard markers and AIS technology (see also entry under Agenda Item 2 above).

8. The issue identified by Australia could be considered a regional matter and there are some regions in which multiple alarms, given the lack of other considerations, may be an acceptable occurrence. However, in other regions, especially those with much heavier traffic density, such an alarm process might be inappropriate and impact on, for example, SAR activities.

Agenda Item 6: Development of an e-navigation strategy implementation plan

9. The Sub-Committee will continue its development of an e-navigation strategy implementation plan. In support of this, the Sub-Committee will receive the report of an Intersessional Correspondence Group (NAV 58/6).

Agenda Item 7: Development of policy and new symbols for AIS aids to navigation

10. The Sub-Committee will receive the report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on this issue (NAV 58/7). This includes a proposed draft policy on use of AIS Aids to Navigation (AtoN). The proposed draft policy aims to provide both mariners and shore authorities, especially aids to navigation service providers, a clear policy direction on the use of AtoN for ensuring the safety of navigation. The document specifies the policy on the application or usage of AIS-AtoN, including definition, performance, operational matters and other related topics.

11. At this stage, ISAF offers general support to this proposal and will monitor its development.

Agenda Item 8: Casualty analysis

12. No papers have been submitted under this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration of IACS\(^2\) unified interpretations

---

\(^1\) General Provisions On Ships' Routeing

\(^2\) International Association of Classification Societies
13. No interest to ISAF.

**Agenda Item 10: Development of performance standards for inclinometers**

14. No interest to ISAF.

**Agenda Item 11: Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for next session**

15. The aim is to consolidate a number of ECDIS-related MSC, SN and STW circulars into a single document to provide clear and unambiguous guidance for the carriage and use of ECDIS. This will begin at NAV 59, currently planned for September 2013. Moreover, the work of COMSAR 16, STW 43, and FSI 20 needs to be recognised as NAV 59 and 60 take the issue forward.

**Agenda Item 12 (Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman)**

**Agenda Item 13: Any other business**


**Agenda Item 14 (Report of the Sub-Committee)**