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Subject: "IMO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE, (MSC 105) - Highlights"

Summary: The current M.A.C. T.S.C. reports on the highlights of the 105th session of the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) which was held remotely from 20 to 29 April 2022.

MSC Committee highlights

1. A wide range of topics was on the agenda, including the safety of ships carrying industrial personnel, the safety of ships relating to the use of fuel oil, and the consideration of a regulatory framework for maritime autonomous surface ships. Requirements reflecting modern systems for maritime distress and safety communication were adopted and interim guidelines for the safety of ships using fuel cell power installations were approved. In addition, the Committee was updated on the impact on shipping and seafarers of the armed conflict in Ukraine to support affected seafarers and commercial ships and consider the implications of this situation for the implementation of the Organization's instruments.
2. The MSC 105th session **meeting highlights** included among others the following topics:
 - Adoption of amendments to modernize the requirements of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).
 - Approval of draft SOLAS amendments to enhance the safety of ships relating to the use of oil fuel.
 - Approval of the draft new SOLAS Chapter XV and the draft new mandatory code for the carriage of industrial personnel (IP Code).
 - Approval of interim guidelines for the safety of ships using fuel cell power installations.
 - Agreement on a roadmap for the development of a nonmandatory code for maritime autonomous surface ships.

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3. M.A.C. S.A. continues to closely follow up IMO MSC Committee developments including the amendments to mandatory instruments (e.g., the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code) & Implementation of IMO Instruments (e.g., Certificates and documents required to be carried onboard ships) for providing quality services to its customers.



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