

## **Shipping Consultative Committee**

### **Consultation of Committee Members on International Maritime Organization (IMO) Meeting Documents**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on the proposed consultation arrangement on International Maritime Organization (IMO) meeting documents in which members of Shipping Consultative Committee (members) have an interest.

#### **Background**

2. In order to ensure members are properly consulted on the development of international maritime conventions and/or their amendments by the IMO, Marine Department (MD) proposes to consult the members to seek their views or comments on the agenda items of the meetings of Committees and Sub-Committees of the IMO. A programme of IMO meetings for the current year could be found on the following IMO web page:

<http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/MeetingSummaries/Pages/Default.aspx>

3. About two months before an IMO meeting, a list of the relevant meeting papers together with the summary will be updated and sent to the secretary of the Shipping Consultative Committee for disseminating to the members. If the members wish to offer any views or comments on any agenda items or IMO papers, or need to obtain a copy of the relevant meeting paper, they could inform MD by e-mail at their earliest convenience. MD will assume that members have no comments to make if no response is received before the deadline, i.e. two weeks before the meeting. MD will review all the feedback and will reflect, if justifiable, to the IMO as appropriate by the Hong Kong delegation in the IMO meeting.

#### **Advice Sought**

4. The views of members are sought on this new consultation proposal.

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