

Ship-Source Pollution Directive Amendment of Directive 2005/35/EC -update

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Reporting and Publication of information



Existing reporting obligation under current SSPD

- Current SSPD Art. 12 requires EU Member States to report every three years on the application of the Directive
- The scope of reporting & format of template were discussed in a Correspondence Group with participation also from BA/NSN and HELCOM
- The resulting template was circulated to EU Member States, Norway/Iceland in January 2021 and consists of two Tables



Current reporting template – to be updated

TABLE 1 – Detections

Country (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

Year (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

Pollution event ID (BA-HELCOM)

Date (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

Time (BA-HELCOM)

Day/Night (BA-HELCOM)

Latitude [N/S] (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

Longitude [W/E] (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

Pollution Category (BA-HELCOM)

Type of substance (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

Estimated volume or quantity (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

Length [km] (BA-HELCOM)

Width [km] (BA-HELCOM)

Area [km2] (BA-HELCOM)

Aerial Surveillance detection (BA-HELCOM)

Polluter/Source (IMO/ BA-HELCOM)

Ship Type (IMO)

Remarks (IMO / BA-HELCOM)

TABLE 2 - Cases

Case ID (NSN)

Polluter Source (IMO)

Ship Type (NSN / IMO)

Pollution Type (NSN / IMO)

Location of infringement (IMO / NSN)

Date of infringement (IMO / NSN)

Detected by (NSN)

Pollution event ID

Referred to - Flag State (IMO)

Referred to -date (IMO)

Action by Flag State (IMO)

Type of sanction finally imposed (NSN)

Sanction imposed by (NSN)

Fine and/or penalty amount (NSN)

Contact Point (NSN)

Remarks (NSN)



New reporting obligations under the revised SSPD

- New electronic reporting tool, for the purposes of collection and exchange of information between EU Member States and the European Commission on the implementation of this Directive.
- Information to be reported relating to the following actions:
 - a) follow-up of an alert sent by CleanSeaNet by competent authorities or the reasons for not following up such an alert, as soon as possible after the follow-up activities are completed or the decision not to follow-up is taken;
 - **b) inspections** or other appropriate actions undertaken by EU Member States acting as **port States**, as soon as possible after the inspections or other appropriate actions are completed;
 - c) actions undertaken by EU Member States acting as coastal States, as soon as possible after such actions are completed; and
 - **d) penalties imposed**, once the administrative and, where applicable, legal proceedings are concluded, and in any case by 30 June each year. (Article 10a(2))

Information to be reported

• In order to ensure the uniform application of this Article, the Commission may, by means of implementing acts, lay down **detailed rules on the procedure for reporting the information** referred to in paragraph 2, including specifying the **type of information** to be reported. (Art.10a(3))



Article 10c Publication of information

- Based on information reported by Member States in accordance with Article 10a, the Commission shall make publicly available a regularly updated Union-wide overview on the implementation and enforcement of this Directive, upon the conclusion of the administrative and legal proceedings, when applicable.
- To the extent that information relating to penalties includes personal data or commercially sensitive information, such information shall be anonymised. That overview shall include the information listed in **Annex II** to this Directive.



Annex II Information included in the overview

For each pollution incident:

- a) date of the incident;
- b) identification of the ship involved in the incident;
- c) position (latitude and longitude) of the pollution incident;
- d) extent of the pollution incident (area and length), if applicable;
- e) type of pollutant;
- f) Member State(s) involved;
- g) description of the verification activities of the pollution incident;
- h) date and time of the verification activities and the assets used for verification activities;
- i) details of the administrative penalty imposed.

For each Member State, aggregated information:

- a) number of CleanSeaNet possible pollution incidents detected;
- b) number of CleanSeaNet possible pollution incidents verified on-site by the Member State;
- c) number of CleanSeaNet possible pollution incidents verified by other means by the Member State;
- d) number of confirmed pollution incidents after verification (detailed per area: territorial waters, EEZ, high seas);
- e) number of identified offenders;
- f) number of cases where a penalty was imposed.



Exchange of experience – reporting

- The EU Member States and the Commission, assisted by EMSA, shall cooperate in the exchange of information, building on SafeSeaNet (Directive 2002/59/EC), in order to:
 - enhance the information required for the effective implementation of this Directive, in particular by CleanSeaNet and other reporting mechanisms, with a view to developing reliable methods of tracing polluting substances in the sea;
 - develop an appropriate control and monitoring system, integrating the information provided under this Directive with the information made available in SafeSeaNet, THETIS-EU and other Union information databases in order to facilitate the early identification and monitoring of ships discharging polluting substances;
 - ensure that competent authorities digitally analyse all high-confidence alerts and indicate whether or not they verify those high-confidence alerts sent by CleanSeaNet every year, striving to verify at least 25 % of those alerts



Next steps for the SSPD - reporting

- Implementing act on the **procedure for reporting information** under the electronic reporting tool set out in Art. 10a
- Make publicly available information relating to enforcement against illegal discharges



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