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Survey related to the application of FAL.6/Circ.11/Rev.1 by the Member States

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: The document requests the dissemination of a survey questionnaire related to the mooring activities carried out by the Member States

Strategic direction, if applicable: Other work

Output: OW 24

Action to be taken: Paragraph 9

Related document: FAL.6/Circ.11/Rev.1

Background

1 The Facilitation Committee, at its fortieth session, considering the experience gained from the use of FAL.6/Circ.11 dated 11 July 2005 and recognizing the importance of the provision of adequate and safe mooring services in ports for ensuring maritime and port safety and the need for the provision of guidance for minimum training and education of shore-side mooring personnel to ensure that such personnel are capable of providing such services, approved FAL.6/Circ.11/Rev.1 on *Guidelines on minimum training and education for mooring personnel*.

2 The Facilitation Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee had noted that the safety of mooring services was a cause for considerable concern because of incidents and near misses in ports during mooring and unmooring operations. The Committees recognized that the international guidance, with regard to the minimum levels of education and training for mooring personnel, outlined in FAL.6/Circ.11, should be updated.

3 The circular also invited Member Governments to bring the updated Guidelines to the attention of their Administrations responsible for ensuring safety in their ports and the relevant port industry organizations.

4 In addition, the circular also urged Member Governments and non-governmental organizations with consultative status to bring to the attention of the Committee, at the earliest opportunity, the results of the experience gained from, or any difficulties encountered during, the use of the Guidelines.

Considerations

5 The availability of the results of the experience gained from, or any difficulties encountered during the use of the Guidelines, would contribute to the overall level of port safety as well as providing evidence-based data to allow for a future update of the Guidelines if deemed necessary.

6 In order to have a general view of the implementation of the above Guidelines, it is considered appropriate to propose a survey in order to collect all the relevant information, in particular on the mooring activities and in general on how it is being carried out.

7 The attached questionnaire survey as set out in the annex of this document, prepared by the International Boatmen's Linesman's Association (IBLA) on the basis of a long experience acquired in the mooring activities of ships in ports, requires information, mainly, related to the following:

- .1 rules associated with mooring services and on the characteristics of the operators who perform such activities; and
- .2 accidents that have occurred to the personnel involved in mooring and unmooring operations in the last 10 years.

Proposal

8 The co-sponsors, recognizing the importance to ensure the maximum level of safety to the personnel involved in mooring and unmooring operations in ports and harbours, propose to disseminate the questionnaire survey to all IMO Member States.

Action requested of the Committee

9 The Committee is invited to consider the proposal in paragraph 8 and take action as appropriate.

ANNEX

SURVEY RELATED TO THE APPLICATION OF FAL.6/CIRC.11/REV.1

The aim of the survey is to collect information on the results of the experience gained from or any difficulties encountered during the use of FAL.6/Circ.11/Rev.1

Country name:

- Do you know if your Country has a regulated mooring/unmooring service?

Yes

No

If Yes: Could you briefly describe the service characteristics?

- Is it an open market? or a concession service?

- Is there more than one service provider?

Yes

No

- Are there binding rules that determine who should carry out the service?

Yes

No

- In case of binding rules, by whom are they issued?

- Are the FAL.6/Circ.11/Rev.1 Guidelines applied?

Yes

No

- If yes, how are they applied?

- Have any accidents occurred in port waters during ships mooring/unmooring operations in the last 10 years?

Yes No

- If yes, please indicate total number: _____

- If accidents have occurred, do you know their severity and causes?

Please, briefly explain the severity:

Please, briefly explain the causes:

According to FAL.6/Circ.11/Rev.1, the mooring personnel have to be trained properly to carry out the service.

- Is that applied in your country?

Yes No

Please send your answers to the following email address: info@angopi.eu