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## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the seventh session of the Sub-Committee to be held at IMO Headquarters,  
4 Albert Embankment, London, SE1 7SR,  
from Monday, 17 to Friday, 21 February 2020**

**(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 17 February 2020)**

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments to the IBC Code
- 4 Revised guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis
- 5 Revised guidance on methodologies that may be used for enumerating viable organisms
- 6 Amendment of Annex 1 to the AFS Convention to include controls on cybutryne, and consequential revision of relevant guidelines
- 7 *Review of the 2011 Guidelines for the control and management of ships' biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species (resolution MEPC.207(62))*
- 8 Reduction of the impact on the Arctic of Black Carbon emissions from international shipping
- 9 Development of guidelines for onboard sampling of fuel oil not in use by the ship
- 10 Standards for shipboard gasification of waste systems and associated amendments to regulation 16 of MARPOL Annex VI
- 11 *Review of the 2015 Guidelines for exhaust gas cleaning systems (resolution MEPC.259(68))*

- 12 Evaluation and harmonization of rules and guidance on the discharge of liquid effluents from EGCS into waters, including conditions and areas
- 13 Development of amendments to MARPOL Annex VI and the NO<sub>x</sub> Technical Code on the use of multiple engine operational profiles for a marine diesel engine
- 14 Development of measures to reduce risks of use and carriage of heavy fuel oil as fuel by ships in Arctic waters
- 15 Review of the IBTS Guidelines and amendments to the IOPP Certificate and Oil Record Book
- 16 Revision of MARPOL Annex IV and associated guidelines to introduce provisions for record-keeping and measures to confirm the lifetime performance of sewage treatment plants
- 17 Follow-up work emanating from the Action Plan to address marine plastic litter from ships
- 18 Unified interpretation to provisions of IMO environment-related conventions
- 19 Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for PPR 8
- 20 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021
- 21 Any other business
- 22 Report to the Marine Environment Protection Committee

**Notes:**

1 In accordance with the document on *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1):

.1 documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows:

.1 documents (including information documents submitted in hard copy only) containing more than six pages of text<sup>1,2</sup> (bulky documents), by **Friday, 15 November 2019**;

.2 non-bulky documents including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **Friday, 13 December 2019**; and

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<sup>1</sup> Documents other than information documents and reports from sub-committees, working, drafting, correspondence and other working groups and the Secretariat, and which contain more than 20 pages, in line with paragraph 6.11 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1, will not be translated in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (i.e. English).

<sup>2</sup> As a general rule, documents, other than information documents and reports of committees and subsidiary bodies, working, drafting, correspondence and other reporting groups and the Secretariat, should not contain more than 50 pages. In the case of documents containing more than 50 pages, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of the annex to MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1 are to be applied.

- .3 documents commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraphs .1 and .2 above containing four pages or less, by **Friday, 27 December 2019** (see also paragraph 6.12.5 of the Committees' Method of work);
- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, and be as concise as possible, and:
  - .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with section 6 of the Committees' Method of work;
  - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action that the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
  - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein;
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
  - font: Arial;
  - font size: 11;
  - justification: full;
  - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.

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2 The Committees' Method of work, inter alia, provides that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Member States or international organizations.

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