

9TH CO-OPERATION FORUM

CO-OPERATIVE MECHANISM ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE

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EU OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES ON PLACES OF REFUGE

Background:

- MSC Flaminia incident (2012)
- EU group of experts established
- Emphasis on cooperation and information-sharing (including States and Industry)
- Focus on implementation of existing framework

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Work so far:

- EU Operational Guidelines adopted by the Expert Group in November 2015 with European Parliament's backing on 27 January 2016.
- Submission to IMO MSC 96 for information

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WHY?

- Need for enhanced cooperation and coordination among competent authorities and industry.
- Need for a user-friendly manual for implementation of existing rules – drafted with a real incident scenario in mind.
- Need to change attitudes towards ships in need of assistance – within Governments and competent authorities.



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WHEN?

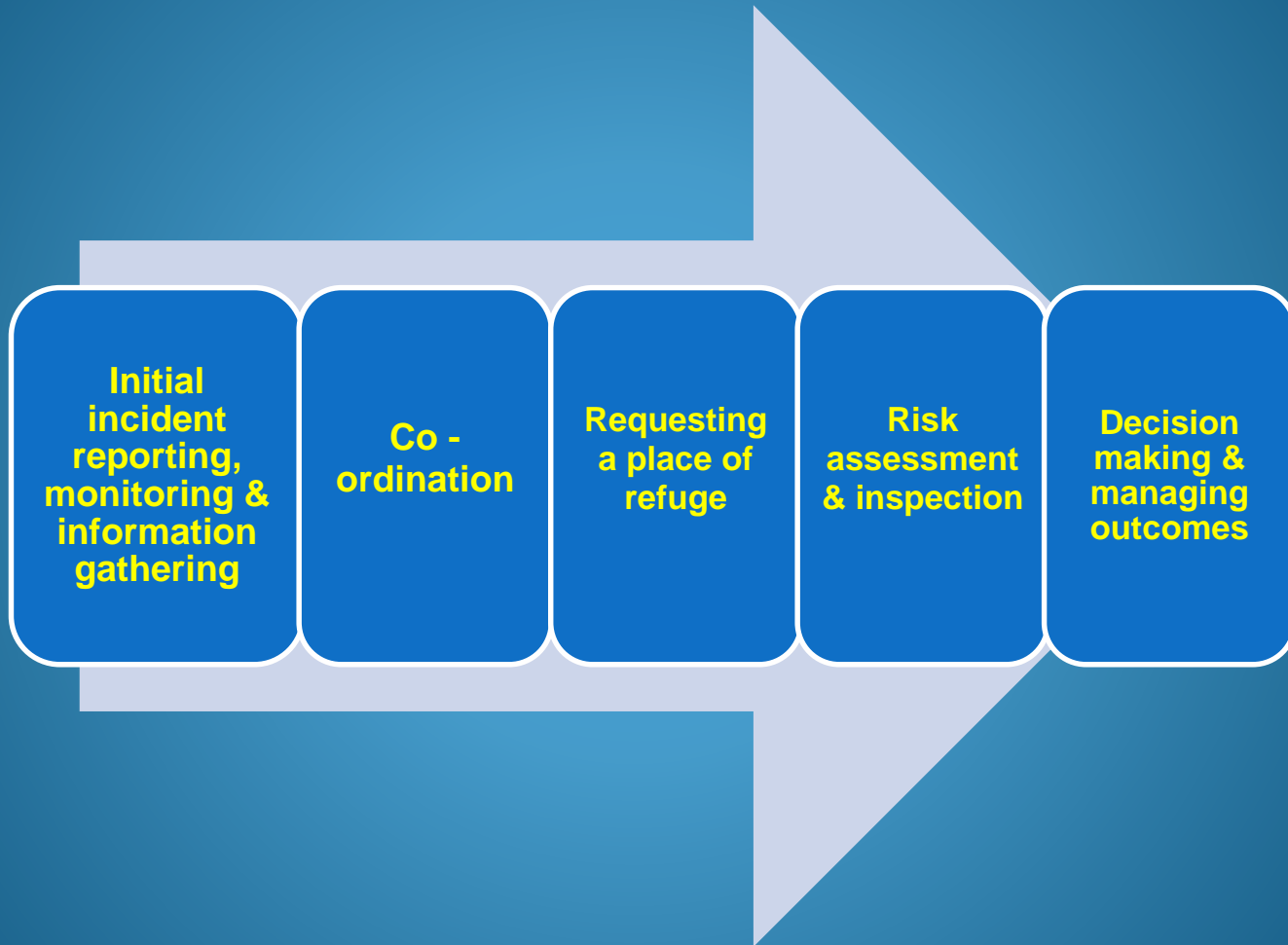
- Cover all operational stages of an incident that may lead to a ship in need of assistance seeking a place of refuge.
- Complementing national plans.
- Clarifying who should take the lead and who should support.

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How?

- Even if one State may not, following an appropriate risk assessment, be in a position to offer a Place of Refuge, the handling of the assessment process should continue in cooperation with the other State(s), who may be in a better position to offer accommodation.

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VTMIS:

- Places of Refuge
- EU Operational Guidelines
- Version 3 - Final 13 November 2015

<http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/maritime/digitalservices/doc/por-operational-guidelines.pdf>

SUMMING UP

The operational guidelines have been drafted aiming at a robust operational process and should contribute to promoting positive attitudes.

As a matter of principle, each State involved in the operation should examine the ability to provide a place of refuge. In principle, and unless deemed unsafe, there should be "no rejection without inspection".

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

Global Industry with IMO Guidelines

- Regional variations – basic structure
- Communication
- EU 
- Australia 
- Singapore and Malacca Straits ?
- Korea ?
- China ?
- Japan ?
- Philippines ETC

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

The Modern Express has been drifting for 7 days

Maritime experts were trying to tow the stricken cargo ship away from the French coast



Modern Express

- Ro-Ro cargo ship, 164 m in length
- Registered in Panama
- Carrying timber and mechanical diggers



INDUSTRY SUPPORT

From this:



INDUSTRY SUPPORT

To this:



Thank you!

