

2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Technical Workshop  
on Development on the Joint Guidelines of the  
Places of Refuge for Ships in Needs of Assistance  
in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)

24<sup>th</sup> of July 2023

## **REPORT OF THE WORKSHOP**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Technical Workshop on Development on the Joint Guidelines of the Places of Refuge for Ships in Needs of Assistance in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)**

**To be held at the Maritime Transport Training Institute (MATRAIN), Port Klang,  
Malaysia**  
(and hybrid via online video-conferencing <https://meet.google.com/mme-uvck-qwf>)

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#### **1. OPENING**

- 1.1 The Regional Technical Workshop on Development on the Joint Guidelines of the Places of Refuge for Ships in Needs of Assistance in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) was held physically at Maritime Training Transport Institute (MATRAIN), and with a remote session via online video-conferencing platform on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.
- 1.2 The workshop was attended by representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. The full participants list appears as **Annex 1**.
- 1.3 Malaysia, as the host country, with the Head of Delegation, Dr. Yasmin Mohd Hasni welcomed all of the participants to the workshop. She had mentioned the importance of convening the workshop to collaboratively address the challenges of providing places of refuge for ships in distress in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS).
- 1.4 Mr. Nanditya Wardana, as the Head of Delegation from Indonesia thanked Malaysia for hosting the workshop. He stated that Indonesia is committed in participating to the workshop and looking forward for a fruitful session.
- 1.5 Captain Chong Jia Chyuan, Head of Delegation from Singapore, expressed gratitude to Malaysia for hosting the POR workshop and highlighted the critical role of SOMS as a major navigation channel. He called for collaborative efforts among littoral states to harmonise our guidelines for providing places of refuge for ships in distress.
- 1.6 The Workshop noted on the brief introduction of all of the representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore

## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 2.1 The Meeting considered and adopted the agenda as per document **POR-W/2/2/Rev.1** by deleting sub-agenda 4.3 Workshop guidelines

## **3. WORKSHOP ARRANGEMENT**

- 3.1. The Workshop noted the workshop arrangements delivered by Malaysia.

## **4. TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS**

- 4.1. The Workshop noted all of the Fact-Finding Questionnaire presentations as follows: -

4.1.1. Technical presentation by Indonesia as appears in the Annex of **POR-W/2/5/1**;

4.1.2. Technical presentation by Singapore as appears in the Annex of **POR-W/2/5/2**;  
and

4.1.3. Technical presentation by Malaysia as appears in the Annex of **POR-W/2/5/3**.

## **5. REVIEW SESSION**

- 5.1. The Workshop generally noted the fact-finding presentation from representatives of Malaysia and Singapore. Singapore had completed the questionnaire (total of 10 sections) whilst Malaysia had presented general answers pending input of practices across various ports in Malaysia. Representative of Indonesia had presented national administration of Sunda Straits which had accounted for ships in needs of assistance, with further statement of pending approval on completed Indonesia Fact Finding Questionnaire.

- 5.2 The Workshop acknowledged inputs by Indonesia as follows: -

5.2.1. The need to have a template of National policy and National regulations based on best practices the Places of Refuge for Ships in Needs of Assistance which involves co-operation between Coastal States;

5.2.2. The need to request assistance in developing these templates with preference of deliberation of the templates in a third Regional Workshop;

5.2.3. The need to consider the recent development on the IMO Resolution A.949(23) A Revision of the Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance;  
and

- 5.2.4. To coordinate with IMO and the appointed consultant on availability of funding and consultancy works, respectively.

5.3. The Workshop further acknowledged inputs by Malaysia as follows: -

- 5.3.1. The need for appointing a Consultant upon determination of completion of agreement from the report of first Regional Workshop held in 2017;
- 5.3.2. The need to analyse data from the Fact-Finding Questionnaire presented by Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore;
- 5.3.3. The need to consider the recent development on the IMO Resolution A.949(23) A Revision of the Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance; and
- 5.3.4. The need to revised the work phases reported for Project 11 in 10<sup>th</sup> PCC due to the outbreak of COVID-19 which had ceased the ongoing work of Project 11.

5.4. The Workshop also acknowledged inputs by Singapore as follows: -

- 5.4.1. The need for littoral States to establish and/or review their National policy on Place of Refuge for Ships Requesting Assistance, taking into account recent development on the IMO Resolution A.949(23) A Revision of the Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance; and
- 5.4.2. The need for littoral States to understand each other's policies/guidelines and if possible, harmonise these policies/guidelines.

## 6. WRAP-UP SESSION

6.1 The Workshop concluded the agreed outcomes pertaining the POR-SOMS matters of Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore which are: -

- 6.1.1. Amendment of the working timeline for Project 11, to include an appointment of a Consultant to analyse data submitted in the Fact-Finding Questionnaire and subsequently hold a Third Regional Workshop to deliberate on developing a harmonised guideline for POR-SOMS; and
- 6.1.2. Consideration of the recent development on the IMO Resolution A.949(23) A Revision of the Guidelines on Places of Refuge for Ships in Need of Assistance

- 6.2 The Workshop decided that further discussion is needed in due course to a greater extent of data and analytical sharing sessions which will be hosted by Malaysia, scheduled to take place on November of 2023.
- 6.3 The Workshop considered the agreed outcomes, thus shall be officially reported by Malaysia during the 46<sup>th</sup> Technical Tripartite Experts Group on Safety of Navigation and In the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (TTEG) of the 2023 Cooperative Mechanism Between the Littoral States and User States on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection in The Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

## **7. ADOPTION OF REPORT**

- 7.1 The Workshop considered and adopted the report of the workshop.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT OF WORKSHOP**

- 8.1 On behalf of the host and Secretariat, the Head of Delegation of Malaysia expressed her heartfelt appreciation to all delegations for their positive contributions and cooperation for making the workshop a success. The positive indication and commitment from the delegates to contribute to the identified technical perspectives demonstrated the continuous progress of the POR-SOMS matters among the littoral States.
- 8.2 The participants also thanked and expressed their appreciation to Malaysia for convening the workshop together with the dedication of the Secretariats for their workshop arrangement. In conjunction, they thanked all of participants for a fruitful discussion during the workshop presentation and review sessions.

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## **ANNEX 1**

### **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS<sup>1</sup>**

#### **INDONESIA**

1. Mr. Nanditya Wardana
2. Mr. Agus Prabowo Dany Utama
3. Mr. Fajar Irwanto
4. Ms. Murni H Sitingjak

#### **MALAYSIA**

1. Dr. Yasmin Mohd Hasni
2. Mr. Mohd Nabil Abd Razak
3. Mr. Muhammad Naqib Shamsudin
4. Mr. Mohammad Saifullah Yusof
5. Mr. Shahrulamri Taif

#### **SINGAPORE**

1. Captain Chong Jia Chyuan
2. Mr. Andrew Leong
3. Mr. Lim Jun Ming
4. Ms. Eunice Pui

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<sup>1</sup> Including physical attendance at MATRAIN, online participants and workshop secretariats.