

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 5<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF INTERNATIONAL SAFETY GUIDE FOR OIL TANKERS AND TERMINALS (ISGOTT)

ICS, OCIMF, IAPH

#### SUMMARY

**Executive summary:** *ICS, OCIMF and IAPH have published a comprehensively updated 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT)*

**Action to be taken:** *See paragraph 7*

**Related documents:** *None*

1 The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) and the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) have published a new and fully revised edition of the *International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals* - or **ISGOTT** as it is widely known to those working at the sharp end of tanker and terminal operations.

2. Since its first publication in 1978, ISGOTT has been recognised as the principal industry reference work on the safe operation of oil tankers and terminals, and it is referred to in many IMO regulations and recommendations. ICS, OCIMF and IAPH are confident that the new edition will contribute to the further improvement of the tanker industry's excellent safety record, and will bring it closer to the goal of zero accidents to which the whole industry aspires.

3. The new edition of ISGOTT takes account of a number of significant developments, and makes full use of experience gained as a result of the increasing use of double hull ships that now make up the majority of the world tanker fleet. It encompasses the relevance of the ISM and ISPS Codes to tanker and terminal operations, while new research on static electricity, and the latest thinking on matters such as the toxic effects of cargoes have also been incorporated.

4. In the years since IMO adopted the SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions, the safety and environmental performance of the global tanker industry has improved enormously. But such improvements cannot be brought about by regulation alone, and are in fact testimony to the good practices constantly refined by industry, and the dedication to safety of the people it employs. We believe this commitment to continuous improvement, a concept embraced by the ISM Code, is demonstrated by the industry's efforts to ensure that ISGOTT remains up-to-date.

5. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of ISGOTT (which is accompanied by a CD version of the text) is published by Witherby and Co, London ([www.witherbys.co.uk](http://www.witherbys.co.uk)).

**Action requested of the Committee**

6. To note the information above.