

FLAG STATE IMPLEMENTATION

Study on incidents of explosions on chemical and product tankers

Report of the activities of the Inter-Industry Group: Incident Review Analysis

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document, which should be read in conjunction with MSC 81/8/1, provides information regarding the analysis of thirty five incidents conducted by the Inter-industry Group formed to investigate fires and explosions on chemical and product tankers. The analysis concludes that the most significant contributory factor to the incident causes was a failure to follow or understand cargo operation guidelines and procedures (at both shipboard and ship management level)

Action to be taken: See paragraph 4.

Related documents: MSC 79/22/8; MSC 79/23; MSC80/24; FSI 13/23; A 24/18(b)/Add.1 ANNEX section 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 and MSC 81/8/1

1 Following a series of fires and explosions on chemical and product tankers, CEFIC, IACS, IAPH, ICS, INTERTANKO, IPTA and OCIMF formed a Steering Committee in January 2005, which appointed a working group drawn from members of the individual organisations together with the International Group of P&I Clubs. From a database of incidents that have occurred over the past 25 years the working group identified 35 that involved fires and explosions in cargo areas of chemical and product tankers. The findings and recommendations of the Inter-industry Group have been submitted to MSC 81 as MSC 81/8/1

2 As part of its detailed study the Inter-industry Group established a Task Group to review incident reports and analyse data, provide feedback to the Inter-industry Group and present data in a format to allow a review of trends and common indicators and the development of recommendations.

3 The report of the Incident Review Task Group is attached.

Action requested of the Committee

4 The Committee is invited to note the above information.