

PASSENGER SHIP SAFETY

Outcome of MSC 90

Submitted by ICS

SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document comments on MSC 91/7 'Outcome of MSC 90' and advises the Committee that ICS has encouraged its passenger ship member companies to undertake an operational review as recommended by MSC 90. ICS also reiterates that only after the publication and detailed analysis of the investigation reports into the Costa Concordia accident, should consideration of action and regulatory change or review be undertaken.
<i>Strategic direction:</i>	5.1
<i>High-level action:</i>	5.1.1
<i>Planned output:</i>	No related provisions
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5
<i>Related documents:</i>	MSC 90/27/14, MSC.1/Circ.1446 and MSC 91/7

Introduction

1. ICS strongly believes that safety should remain the highest priority in the shipping industry and that the outcomes of accident investigations should be carefully considered to ensure the continual improvement of safety.

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2. In response to MSC.1/Circ.1446, *Recommended Interim Measures for Passenger Ship Companies to Enhance the Safety of Passenger Ships*, ICS encouraged its passenger ship member companies to undertake a review of operational safety measures.

3. It is anticipated that enhancements identified by ICS members will be submitted to a future session of the Committee for consideration in the ongoing discussions on 'Passenger Ship Safety'.

Consideration of Costa Concordia investigation outcomes and immediate actions

4. ICS reiterates that only after the publication and detailed analysis of the investigation reports into the **Costa Concordia** accident, should consideration of evidence

based proposed actions, regulatory changes or review be undertaken. It is important that great care is taken not to make premature changes to regulations that might not, after analysis of the investigation findings, have been a factor in the accident, or contribute to improved safety.

Action requested of the Committee

5. The Committee is requested to note the information and take action as appropriate.