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IMO Comments on amendments to SMCP

# Summary

The IMO representative at e-NAV12 made a statement about amendments to SMCP, which he asked be read into the minutes of the meeting. In consequence, e-NAV12 asked that the comments be passed to the VTS Committee, for its consideration.

# IMO Comment on SMCP

The following is an extract from the report of e-NAV12.

‘During the presentations the representative of the IMO, Captain Gurpreet Singhota, asked that the following text be ‘read in to’ the minutes of the meeting.

*With respect to the need for amending the IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP), the Committee’s attention is drawn to Annex 2 of IMO Resolution A.918(20), concerning Procedure for amending IMO SMCP. It was stressed that due care and diligence is needed as amendment proposals would be examined collectively, rather than individually, when, in the IMO’s Maritime Safety Committee’s judgement they are of sufficient or of such importance as to warrant examination. Another important fact to keep in mind is that amendments to the IMO SMCP should normally come into force at intervals of approximately five years; however, when amendments are of a very important nature and for required urgent actions, the period might be shortened to three years.*

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# Action requested of the Committee

The Committee is requested to consider the information provided.