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TRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS ON THE IMO WEBSITE

1 The Sub-Committee on Bulk Liquids and Gases (BLG), at its eleventh session (16 to 20 April 2007), proposed that information on provisional assessments should be made available on IMO's public website.

2 The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its fifty-sixth session (9 to 13 July 2007), endorsed the BLG Sub-Committee's proposal and agreed that key information for all new provisional Tripartite Agreements should accordingly be presented on the website.

3 The purpose of this action is to overcome the time gap that can exist between when a Tripartite Agreement is concluded and its appearance in the subsequent MEPC.2/Circular (issued in December each year) since during this time interested parties may not be aware that a particular Tripartite Agreement has been established. In such cases, as checks need to be made to identify recent agreements, this can place an unnecessary burden on Administrations, the industry and the Organization.

4 With respect to the key information to be provided, recognizing the need to keep any additional administrative requirements to a minimum, it was agreed that for Tripartite Agreements concluded under Lists 1, 3 and 4 of the MEPC.2/Circular, the name of the product, the submitting country and the list number should be provided, while for those assessments concluded under List 2, the name of the product, the contains name, the n.o.s. entry number and the reporting country should be made available.

5 In accordance with the above, Tripartite Agreements arising since the last MEPC.2/Circular have now been placed on the IMO public website and this information may be found under the section for Marine Environment/Carriage of Chemicals/Tripartite Agreements.

6 As notifications for new provisional tripartite agreements are received by the Organization, the summary lists on the website will be updated accordingly and at the end of each annual cycle all old entries for the year will be deleted once they have been published in the latest release of the MEPC.2/Circular.

7 Member Governments are invited to note the arrangements as described above and to bring this information to the attention of all concerned.