

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) & OIL SPILL RESPONSE

DETAILS OF CHECKPOINTS

- Establish if policies, national legislation, guidance and procedures are in place and if IAMSAR manual II & III and IMO guidelines on SAR are considered.

(- MSC.1/Circ.1513 - AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE (IAMSAR) MANUAL)

- Establish existing SAR (MRCC) facilities and arrangements, including capability of receiving distress communications and responsible entity.
- Establish if the maritime administration has assets to carry out SAR activities based on practical examples on SAR operations, if any assessment was carried out to evaluate the capabilities to carry out SAR activities and check possible SAR cooperation agreements with other States.
- Establish if drills on SAR activities have been conducted, local or in coordination with other States.
- Establish if SAR existing facilities and arrangements have been communicated to IMO.
- Establish if cooperation plans have been prepared between passenger ships, SAR services and the company in the event of an emergency, if periodical exercises have been carried out to test plan's effectiveness and if guidelines develop by IMO has been taken into account.
- Training Of Personnel & Records

OIL SPILL RESPONSE

- Establish legal basis, main responsible entity, other entities involved, agreements, commissions, disaster committees, or other and their interrelation. Furthermore, establish how the availability of resources (human, financial, material and operational) is ensured.
- Establish if plans are in place (national, local, regional) and which sort of pollution includes (oil, noxious liquid substances and dangerous goods). Verify if the plan contains policies, procedures, guidelines, division of responsibilities between entities involved, tiers of response, analysis of time of response, sensitive areas map, pollution response equipment, policies on the

use of dispersants, provision of drills, contact lists and provisions for evaluation and revision of the plan/s. In addition, if there is legal basis for the plan/s and if was made under IMO guidelines.

- Establish if there is a delegation of pollution response in any OSRO and obligations, responsibilities and monitoring emanated of such delegation.
- In the case that the pollution response equipment is owned by private companies or terminals, establish the relationship and arrangements between the main entity of the State and such companies.

ENFORCEMENT :

- Establish if there are legal basis for enforcement of the provision related to environmental pollution, such as, oil spills, discharges of hazardous and/or noxious chemicals, solid waste and sewage relative to the MARPOL Convention (if MARPOL is adopted).
- Establish if there are penalties and fines of adequate severity and if they are updated. In addition, establish if the entities that comprises the maritime administration were granted direct application powers for the fines or the process was carry out through courts of law or similar.
- Establish in the case of a pollution incident occurrence, if the State is able to investigate and to cooperate with the flag State Administration or port States; check if legal basis, mechanisms, procedures, administrative instructions or similar are in place.
- Establish in the case of private oil terminals or off-shore platforms if there is an enforcement and monitoring by responsible entity of the maritime administration.
- Establish if there are legal basis for enforcement of COLREG regulations and for AtoN.

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

- Provide a description of responsibilities for review and processes in accordance with the requirements of the III Code, paragraph 51.