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Papers and Articles by IMO Staff

Making a case for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. By Lawrence Barchue. 23 June 2006.

http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=5341/Voluntary.pdf

IMO DOCUMENTS

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RESOLUTIONS

A.22/Res.909

Policy making in IMO : Setting the Organization's policies and objectives. Adopted on 29

November 2001

A 22/Res.912	Self-assessment of flag state performance. Adopted on 29 November 2001.
A 22/Res.914	Measures to further strengthen flag state implementation. Adopted on 29 November 2001
A 23/Res.946	Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Adopted on 27 November 2003
A24/Res.974	Framework and procedure for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Adopted on 1 December 2005
A 24/Res.975	Future development of the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Adopted on 1 December 2005

CIRCULARS

CIRCULAR LETTERS

No. 2474 20/06/2003	Council Correspondence Group on the Voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme
No. 2498 28/08/2003	Second session of the Joint MSC/MEPC/TCC Working Group on the Voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme
No. 2571 24/06/2004	Council Correspondence Group on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
No. 2580 28/09/2004	Third session of the Working Group on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit
No. 2686 02/12/2005	Invitation for the nomination of auditors pursuant to section 4.2.1 of the Procedures for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit
No. 2797 05/06/2007	Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (Annexes – Audit summary reports)
No. 2793 01/06/2007	Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (Annex – Member States that have volunteered to be audited)
No. 2809 24/07/2007	Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (Annexes – Audit summary report)
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No. 2948 02/03/2009	Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (Annex – Audit summary reports)
No. 2976 02/07/2009	Voluntary implementation of IMO resolution A.930(22) concerning guidelines on provisional of financial security in case of abandonment of seafarers and of IMO resolution A.931(22) concerning guidelines on shipowners' responsibilities in respect of contractual claims for personal injury to or death of seafarers
No. 3003 09/11/2009	Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (Annex : Member states that have volunteered to be audited)

ASSEMBLY

24th Session (21 November – 2 December 2005)

- A 24/19 Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Developments concerning the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
- A 24/Add.1 Idem. Outcome of the 23rd extraordinary session of the Council.

25th Session (19 – 30 November 2007)

- A 25/8 Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Progress report on the implementation of the audit scheme
- A 25/8/1 Idem. Auditor's manual.
- A 25/8/2 Idem. Consolidated audit summary report.
- A 25/8/3 Idem. Experience of the voluntary audit implemented in Chile. Submitted by Chile

COUNCIL

88th Session (10 – 14 June 2002)

- C 88/D Summary of Records. (Item 13 - Consideration of the strategy and policy of the Organization, including the establishment of an *ad hoc* Council Working Group for the preparation of the Organization's Strategic plan)

89th Session (25 – 29 November 2002)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=2429

- C 89/D Summary of Decisions (Item 13 – Proposed IMO Model Audit Scheme)

90th Session (16 – 20 June 2003)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=2794

- C 90/D Summary of Decisions. Item 15 – IMO Model Audit Scheme

91st Session (5 December 2003)

No documents issued on the subject

92nd Session (21 – 25 June 2004)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=3580

- C 92/D Summary of Decisions: Item 13 – Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme

93rd Session (15 – 19 November 2004)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=4467

- C 93/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 6 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

94th Session (20 – 24 June 2005)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=4837

C 94/D Summary of Decisions (Item 5 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

95th Session (2 December 2005)

No documents issued on the subject

96th Session (19 – 23 June 2006)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=6213

C 96/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 6 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

97th Session (6 – 10 November 2006)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=6698

C 97/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 7 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

98th Session (25 – 29 June 2007)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=7536

C 98/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 8 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

99th Session (30 November 2007)

No documents issued on the subject

100th Session (16 – 20 June 2008)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=8875

C 100/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 6 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

101th Session (10 – 14 November 2008)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=114&doc_id=10258

C 101/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 6 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

102nd Session (29 June – 3 July 2009)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/includes/blastData.asp/doc_id=10622/1.pdf

C 102/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 6 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

COUNCIL – EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

23rd Extraordinary Session (17 – 18 November 2005)

C/ES.23/D Summary of Decisions. (Item 6 – Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

25th Extraordinary Session (19 – 20 November 2009)

C/ES.25/D Summary of Decisions (Item 6 - Voluntary IMO Member States Audit Scheme)

SUB-COMMITTEE ON FLAG STATE IMPLEMENTATION

11th Session (7 – 11 April 2003)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=106&doc_id=2677

FSI 11/23 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee

12th Session (15 – 19 March 2004)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=106&doc_id=3351

FSI 12/22 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee

13th Session (7 – 11 March 2005)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=106&doc_id=3723

FSI 13/23 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection (Section 11 – Comprehensive analysis of difficulties encountered in the implementation of IMO instruments; Annex 9 – Draft Assembly Resolution on code for the implementation of mandatory IMO instruments)

14th Session (5 – 9 June 2006)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=106&doc_id=6209

FSI 14/19 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection (Page 8)

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2nd Session (22 – 26 March 2004)

JWGMSA 2/1 Report of the Council correspondence group on the voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Submitted by Denmark

JWGMSA 2/WP.3 Outcome of FSI 12

JWGMSA 2/WP.4 List of Participants

3rd Session (14 – 18 March 2005)

JWGMSA 3/1 Consolidated report of the pilot audits conducted by France, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Singapore. Submitted by Singapore

JWGMSA 3/2 Report of the Council correspondence group on the voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Submitted by Denmark

JWGMSA 3/3	Outcome of the 92 nd and 93 rd Sessions of the Council
JWGMSA 3/4	Comments on the draft framework and procedures of the voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. Submitted by Cyprus, the Marshall Islands and the United Kingdom
JWFMSA 3/INF.1	List of participants
JWFMSA 3/WP.1	Provisional agenda
JWFMSA 3/WP.2	Draft Resolution A....(24) Adopted on.....November 2005 (Agenda item) Framework and procedures for the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
JWFMSA 3/WP.3	Reformatted pre-audit questionnaire
JWFMSA 3/WP.4	Guidance to auditors on the STCW Convention. Areas to be covered by the audit
JWFMSA 3/WP.5	Draft - Report of the Third Session of the Joint MSC/MEPC/TCC Working Group on the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme

MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE

48th Session (7 – 11 October 2002)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=109&doc_id=2543

MEPC 48/21 Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its 48th Session

49th Session (14 – 18 July 2003)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=109&doc_id=2798

MEPC 49/22 Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its 49th Session

50th Session (1-4 December 2003)

No documents issued on this subject

51st Session (29 March – 2 April 2004)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=109&doc_id=3156

MEPC 51/22 Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its 51st Session

52nd Session (11 – 15 October 2004)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=109&doc_id=3663

MEPC 52/24 Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its 52nd Session (Section 12 – Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme)

53rd session (18 – 22 July 2005)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=109&doc_id=4469

MEPC 53/24 Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its 53rd Session (Section 12 – Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme)

54th Session (20 – 24 March 2006)

No documents issued on the subject

55th Session (9 – 13 October 2006)

No documents issued on the subject

56th session (9 – 13 July 2007)

No documents issued on the subject

57th Session (31 March – 4 April 2008)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=109&doc_id=8870

MEPC 57/21 Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its 57th Session

58th Session (6 – 10 October 2008)

No documents issued on the subject

MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

76th session (2 – 13 December 2002)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=2325

MSC 76/23 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee on its 76th Session (Annex 8 – Terms of reference for the joint MSC/MEPC/TCC Working Group on the Proposed voluntary IMO Model Audit Scheme)

77th Session (28 May – 6 June 2003)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=2795

MSC 77/26 Report to the Maritime Safety Committee on its 77th Session

78th Session (12 – 21 May 2004)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=3097

MSC 78/26 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 78th Session

79th Session (1 - 10 December 2004)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=3665

MSC 79/23 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 79th Session (Paragraph 6.9)

80th Session (11 – 20 May 2005)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=4834

MSC 80/24 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 80th Session (Section 8 – Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme)

81st Session (10 – 19 May 2006)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=6208

MSC 81/25 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 81st Session

82nd Session (29 November – 8 December 2006)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=6677

MSC 82/24 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 82nd Session

83rd Session (3 – 12 October 2007)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=7542

MSC 83/28 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 83rd Session

84th Session (7 – 16 May 2008)

No documents issued on the subject

85th Session (26 November – 5 December 2008)

Summary reports: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=110&doc_id=10351

MSC 85/26 Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 85th Session

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE

52nd Session (27 – 28 November 2002)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=111&doc_id=2328

TC 52/14 Report of the Technical Co-Operation Committee on its 52nd Session

53rd Session (11 – 12 June 2003)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=111&doc_id=2796

TC 53/19 Report of the Technical Co-Operation Committee on its 53rd Session

54th Session (15 – 17 June 2004)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=111&doc_id=3579

TC 54/15 Report of the Technical Co-Operation Committee on its 54th Session

55th Session (14 -16 June 2005)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=111&doc_id=4470

TC 55/13 Report of the Technical Co-Operation Committee on its 55th Session

56th Session (13 – 15 June 2006)

Summary report: http://www.imo.org/Newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=111&doc_id=6212

TC 56/12 Report to the Technical Cooperation Committee on its 56th Session

57th Session (18 – 21 June 2007)

TC 57/14 Report of the Technical Co-Operation Committee on its 57th Session

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CD Demos

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Informe sobre Curso Regional de Formación para Auditores – Plan Voluntario de Auditorías de los Estados Miembros de la OMI. (27 – 31 March 2006, Guayaquil, Ecuador). London, IMO, 2006 Language(s): SPA

Regional Training Course for Auditors Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. (15 – 19 July 2006, Alexandria, Egypt) London, IMO, 2006

Report on Regional Training Course for auditors : Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme. (18-22 September 2006, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania). London, IMO, 2006.

Report on National Training course for auditors Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme – (30 October – 3 November 2006, Busan, Republic of Korea) : London, IMO, 2006

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Report on the second regional training course for auditors : Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme : CIS/Eastern European Region– (21 – 25 January 2008, Szczecin, Poland). London, IMO, 2008

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<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/shippingports/shipping/pdfvolimoauditscheme>

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<http://www.ifsma.org/newsletters/nl42.pdf#search='imo%20member%20state%20audit%20scheme>

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT INSTITUTE – The International Audit Scheme : Protection of the marine environment. Conference, London, 27 May 2003. <http://www.jterc.or.jp/english/kokusai/Agenda.html>

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SASAMURA, Y. – Development of audit scheme in ICAO and IMO. Paper delivered at the Seminar on Model Audit Scheme hosted by the Japan International Transport Institute, London, 27 May 2003.

<http://www.japantransport.com> or <http://www.jterc.or.jp/english/kokusai/Yoshio%20Sasamura.pdf>

WADSWORTH, B. – The model audit scheme. Promoting best practice amongst maritime administrations. UK Department of Transport, 2004

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