

Results of 2007 Safety Campaign

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SUMMARY

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	This document reports the results of a safety campaign carried out for 1 week in 2007 by Pilots around the world, into the standard of ladders and ancillary boarding equipment provided for their use under SOLAS.
<i>Action to be Taken:</i>	Para 9
<i>Related Documents:</i>	MSC 82 / 21 / 17

1. The issue of Pilots personal safety assumed urgency in 2006 when eight (8) Marine Pilots were lost in separate accidents connected to embarking / disembarking from vessels. Prior to these sad events IMPA has already had work in progress on amendments to Regulation 23 of SOLAS Ch 5 and Resolution A889 which culminated in the submission of MSC 82 / 21 / 17 in Istanbul.
2. IMPA has carried out periodic safety campaigns previously, the most recent being in 2002.
3. The study involved more than 4,500 reports from 38 National pilot organisations, reporting on vessels for a one-week “snap-shot” in October 2007.
4. The Result showed a 16.5 % level of defects which, whilst an improvement on 2002, still represents too high a level of non-compliance.
5. IMPA, in conjunction with its NGO Industry colleagues, has prepared a Shipping Industry guidance brochure on the rigging of ladders for Pilot transfer, aimed at officers and ratings.
6. IMPA has also, with the blessing of IMO, reprinted all instruments relating to Pilot transfer into one document called “Guidance for Naval Architects and Shipyards”, available free, as it is apparent new vessels are still being delivered with non-SOLAS compliant equipment.
7. IMPA is also taking measures to educate its members as to their responsibilities and the need for them to exercise more care over their personal safety.
8. Copies of the campaign results are available on-line from www.impahq.org; go to “downloads”.
9. The Committee is invited to note the results of this Safety Campaign.