

Minutes of a meeting of the Association’s Marine Policy & Regulatory Affairs (MPRA) Committee held on 12th December 2024 from 13.30 via videoconference

1 Competition law compliance policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

2 Welcome and attendance

- 1) The chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	This meeting	8 October 2024	30 April 2024	14 March 2024
Dennis Janssen (Vice Chair)	Allseas	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Peter McCombie	TechnipFMC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Aurelien Verrier	Saipem	Absent	Absent	Attended	Apologies
Bert Devos	Jan de Nul	Attended	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eugene van Dodeweerd	Boskalis	Absent	Absent	Absent	Attended
Evan McLaughlin	McDermott	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Frederic Siohan	Bourbon	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Gary Ritchie	Subsea 7	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Gerd Van de Merlen	DEME Group	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Iris de Vos-Hermeler	Fugro	Absent	Absent	Absent	Attended
Joost Rotgans	Heerema Marine Contractors	Absent	Absent	Apologies	Apologies
Kyle Pemberton	Seacor Marine	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Liesbeth den Haan	Van Oord	Absent	Absent	Apologies	Attended
Matt Thomas	Bibby Marine	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Phil Moss	Bibby Marine	Attended	Attended	Attended	Apologies
Remko Kloos	FUGRO	Absent	Absent	Attended	Apologies
Saverio La Forgia	Saipem	Absent	Absent	Absent	Attended

Legend:

Attended	Part-time	Substitute	Apologies	Absent	N/A
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3 Minutes of the previous meeting

3.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

- 1) The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 October were agreed and were duly signed as an accurate record by the Vice Chair.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

- 1) There were no items under this agenda item.

4 Update on IMCA's submission to IMO on the outcome of our fuel consumption data collection exercise and conclusions on a carbon intensity metric for the sector offshore sector

- 1) The Committee agreed that the document was not finalised and authorised Margaret Fitzgerald to submit it to IMO on behalf of IMCA.

Action: Margaret Fitzgerald

5 IP Code – Update on submissions to IMO and UK IP Code consultation process

- 1) Margaret Fitzgerald updated the Committee on the IMCA's submissions to IMO on the IP Code.
- 2) The Committee was advised that IMCA had prepared 2 documents for consideration at the January session on IMO's Sub-Committee on Ship Design & Construction (SDC):
 - a) SDC 11/4 on Guidance/Explanatory notes to the IP Code which proposes that IMCA's Guidance document REG 005 be used as the basis of developing an IMO Guidance document; and
 - b) SDC 11/4/1 requesting the SDC Sub-Committee to keep the agenda item open to allow for the second phase of work on the IP Code to be undertaken.
- 3) The Committee was informed that the UK Government has now opened a public consultation process on the UK's Merchant Shipping (safety measures for ships carrying Industrial Personnel and Special Personnel) Regulations, 2025 which will close on 17th February. The Committee agreed to establish a small Working Group to begin work in January on developing IMCA's response to the consultation questions.

Action: Margaret Fitzgerald

6 UK ETS Consultation process

- 1) The Committee was informed that the UK Government has now opened a public consultation process on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme which will close on the 23 January. The Committee agreed to establish a small Working Group to begin work in January on developing IMCA's response to the consultation questions.

Action: Margaret Fitzgerald

7 Committee objectives for 2024/2025

- 1) The Committee recalled that it had established its objectives under 3 separate headings:
 - a) General
 - b) Work on the Industrial Personnel Code (IMO)
 - c) Decarbonisation of the marine industry (IMO)
 - d) STCW Review (IMO).
- 2) Recognising that these work streams are ongoing, the Committee had agreed to set these Objectives for both 2024 and 2025 subject to review.
- 3) The Committee members were invited to review the Objectives for 2025 and submit any proposed additions/amendments to Margaret Fitzgerald by the end of the 3rd week of January for review by the Committee at its first meeting in early 2025.

Action: Committee Members

8 Election of a new Committee Chair

- 1) The Committee was advised that only Kyle Pemberton of Seacor Marine had put his name forward for the role of Chair of the Committee and therefore Kyle would be elected to the position unless any objections were raised.
- 2) Unfortunately Kyle was not able to attend the meeting so it was not possible to proceed with his election but he would be elected as Chair at the Committee's first meeting in February 2025 unless any objections were raised.

9 MPRA Event in 2025

- 1) The Committee was advised that an MPRA event had been included in the budget for October 2025. Members would get the opportunity to be involved in the planning of this event which will commence in Spring 2025.
- 2) Further discussion will take place at the Committee's first meeting in February 2025.

10 Any Other Business

- 1) The Committee discussed the latest version of the USCG's Marine Safety Information Bulletin 13-23, dated 23rd December 2024 which requires vessels to install surveillance cameras in an effort to reduce instances of sexual assault and sexual harassment (SASH) to non-domestic vessels operating in US waters.
- 2) Members raised several questions about the scope of application of the requirements and Margaret Fitzgerald advised that she would write to the USCG seeking clarification, on behalf of IMCA, and would report back.
- 3) The Committee agreed that it would be useful for the wider IMCA membership if the Committee developed an Information Note on this.

11 Date and location of next meetings

- 1) It was agreed to hold the Committee's next meeting on 6th February from 14.00 – 16.00 UK time. Margaret Fitzgerald will send a Teams meeting.

Action: Margaret Fitzgerald

	Dennis Janssen	6 February 2025
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Signed as a true record

Name

Date

ANNEX 1

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

- 1) Welcome & apologies for absence
- 2) Competition Law Compliance Policy
- 3) Adoption of the Minutes of last meeting – 8th October 2024
- 4) Update on IMCA's submission to IMO on the outcome of our fuel consumption data collection exercise and conclusions on a carbon intensity metric for the sector offshore sector
- 5) IP Code – Update on submissions to IMO and UK IP Code consultation process
- 6) UK ETS Consultation process
- 7) Committee Objectives for 2024/2025 and achievements in 2024
- 8) Election of a new Committee Chair
- 9) MPRA Event in 2025
- 10) Any other business
- 11) Date of next meeting