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## GUIDELINES FOR UNIFORM OPERATING LIMITATIONS ON HIGH-SPEED CRAFT

### Outcome of DE 49 and MSC 81

#### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This document reports on the outcome of DE 49 and MSC 81 on matters related to the new work programme item on “Guidelines for uniform operating limitations of high-speed craft”
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 5
<i>Related documents:</i>	DE 49/20 and MSC 81/25

#### Definition of operating limits of high-speed craft

1 DE 49 considered document DE 49/5/3 (RINA), proposing amendments to the 2000 HSC Code concerning the definition of operating limits of high-speed craft and the inclusion of a new annex on “Factors to be considered in determining craft operating limitations” in the Code. For the longer term, RINA proposed the development of an MSC circular to guide Administrations in determining the operating limitations in a consistent manner. In this context, document DE 49/INF.5 (RINA) provided additional background information in relation to the setting of operating limitations for high-speed craft on a consistent basis.

2 There was general agreement with the proposed amendments, and DE 49 instructed the working group to include them in the draft amendments to the 2000 HSC Code. Concerning the proposal for further work on the determination of operating limits, the Sub-Committee instructed the working group to prepare a justification for the inclusion of a new item in the work programme of the Sub-Committee, in accordance with the Guidelines on the organization and method of work.

#### Justification for a new work programme item

3 Having received the report of the working group (DE 49/WP.2 and Corr.1), DE 49 noted that the group had considered proposals to incorporate a new requirement and annex consolidating all of the Code requirements to be taken into consideration in establishing the worst operating conditions and operating limitations, which are shown on the craft’s Permit

to Operate, and concurred with the group's view that an MSC circular should be prepared to guide Administrations in determining operational limitations in a consistent manner and to clarify the intent of annex 9 of the Code. Consequently, the Sub-Committee agreed to a justification for a proposed new work programme item on "Guidelines for uniform operating limitations of high-speed craft" prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Guidelines on the organization and method of work (MSC/Circ.1099), as set out in annex 11 (DE 49/20), for submission to MSC 81 for consideration and action as appropriate.

#### **MSC 81's approval of the new work programme item proposed by DE 49**

4 Endorsing a proposal by DE 49, MSC 81 decided to include, in the Sub-Committee's work programme and the provisional agenda for DE 50, a high priority item on "Guidelines for uniform operating limitations of high-speed craft", with a target completion date of 2009, and also in the work programmes of the COMSAR, NAV and SLF Sub-Committees and the provisional agendas for COMSAR 11, NAV 53 and SLF 50, with a target completion date of 2008.

#### **Action requested of the Sub-Committee**

5 The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided and take action as deemed appropriate.

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