Outcome of IMO's sixth session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 6) and its Editorial and Technical Group (E&T Group)

General

1 IMO’s Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC), held its sixth session from 9 to 13 September 2019 and its thirty-second session of the Editorial and Technical Group (E&T) met from 16 to 20 September 2019.

2 During CCC 6 and E&T 32, decisions and discussions on the following issues are referenced below:

   2.1 transport of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM);

   2.2 footnotes in the IMDG Code; and

   2.3 training materials for the safe and efficient transport of IMDG Code Class 7 radioactive materials by sea.

Transport of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM)

3 CCC 6 had the following documents for its consideration:

   3.1 CCC 6/6/11 (Germany), referring to problems occurring in the context of transport of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) and proposing facilitation of such transports by a new special provision in the IMDG Code; and

   3.2 CCC 6/INF.9 (Germany), containing a report on radiological risk assessment supporting the proposal in document CCC 6/6/11.

4 Following the discussion, CCC 6 noted the following views expressed on this matter:

   4.1 the issues raised in document CCC 6/6/11 were important, but they should be considered by IAEA first; and

   4.2 disharmonization of requirements regarding different transport modes should be avoided.

5 After consideration, the Sub-Committee agreed to hold a decision on document CCC 6/6/11 in abeyance and requested the Secretariat to inform IAEA about this issue and follow its discussion, with a view to report the outcome from IAEA to the Sub-Committee.

Footnotes in the IMDG Code

6 The E&T 32 requested the Secretariat to inform IAEA on the following relevant matters:
6.1 with regard to the first footnote ("INFCIRC/274/Rev.1, IAEA, Vienna (1980).") in 1.4.3.2.3, it should be considered if updating the reference to the latest version is appropriate and also whether it should be incorporated into the regulatory text; and

6.2 with regard to the second footnote ("INFCIRC/225/Rev.5, IAEA, Vienna (2011).") in 1.4.3.2.3, it should be considered whether the text could be incorporated into the regulatory text.

Training materials for the safe and efficient transport of IMDG Code Class 7 radioactive materials by sea

7 CCC 6 recalled that CCC 5 had for its consideration document CCC 5/12/3 (WNTI) and held in abeyance a decision on whether the difficulties associated with the shipment of radioactive materials could be improved by the development of additional training materials. CCC 6 also recalled that CCC 5 had encouraged interested Member States and international organizations to work together, with a view to carrying out a gap analysis for the existing training materials, for submission to a future session of the Sub-Committee.

8 In this context, CCC 6 considered document CCC 6/13/1 (ICHCA, WNTI and NI), providing a list of categories where there was either no or insufficient training currently available through IMO and IAEA and supporting the development of an IMO model course. Following discussion, the Sub-Committee noted following views expressed on this matter:

8.1 information on addressing difficulties associated with the shipment of radioactive materials should be provided in a training material, therefore the proposal in document CCC 6/13/1 should be supported;

8.2 model course 1.10 provides the framework of a training for all different dangerous goods and there was no need to develop a separate one for radioactive materials; and,

8.3 it should be noted that IAEA has its e-learning course and IAEA should be invited to develop an e-learning course for sea transport.

9 In this context, CCC 6 agreed that a training material related to class 7 could be incorporated and enhanced in the existing model course 1.10 on Dangerous, Hazardous and Harmful Cargoes, when an update is initiated. Furthermore, CCC 6 instructed the Secretariat to consult with IAEA, with a view to develop an e-learning model for sea transport.
Action requested of the Committee

10 The Committee is invited to note the above information and take action, as appropriate, under the relevant agenda items.