

Meeting Report
ICOMIA Environment Committee Meeting
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Summary and Highlights of the ICOMIA Environment Committee Meeting

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1. Previous EC Action Items
 - The ICOMIA Environment Guide is in review.
 - The *Check, Clean, Dry* initiative is being introduced to all MIAs.
2. Workplan for EC
 - Review items, Monitor legislation, Identify issues, Produce literature, Warn industry, Update Environment Guide:
 - Invasive species
 - Climate change initiative
 - Timber regulations
 - End of Life Boats
 - Substances of Very High Concern
 - Name of the group will remain as the Environment Committee
3. Energy Efficient Directive (EED)
 - Netherlands has had an energy reduction directive since 2012.
 - Consists of energy audits and energy reduction plans (for larger installations).
 - List of 86 energy consumption items: lights, switches, laptops, heating systems, etc.
4. Policy and Legislative Trends
 - Expect more Green initiatives in the future.
 - More Chemicals/substances assessments.
 - Plastic litter in the ocean: Reduce litter on board/eliminate single use plastics.
 - Environmental legislation happening throughout the world (parallel legislation): Clean air policy (Sulphur, NOx)/toxic substances control act/ Timber regulations/ Underwater noise/ Isocyanates.
 - Water Framework Directive: chemicals/ invasive species/ pollution/ emissions/ production processes and materials.
5. Invasive Species
 - Ballast Water Management
 - Convention ratified but not adopted by all countries.
 - ICOMIA will continue to monitor.
 - Biocides
 - IMO: invasive species/ biocide free coating (inhibitor vs killer).
 - IMO Glo-Fouling Project
 - Guidance to minimize the spread of bio-invasive species from shipping throughout the world.
 - Educational focused.
6. Timber Regulations
 - Teak
 - EU has clamped down on teak imports from Miramar. Importers need traceability. Affects superyacht industry. US is represented by Cindy Squires, International Wood Products Association.

- Princess and Sunseeker yachts have been cited for breach of timber regulations.
- Miramar government asked for due diligence documents for teak traceability.
- Next step: ICOMIA to schedule round table meeting with EU.
- Many large yachts and sailboats are still using teak, though alternatives are being offered.
- It is suspected that someday teak will no longer be available. There is also a high waste factor in it's usage.
- Short term: Assure teak comes with correct traceability documents and educate members. Long term: Teak alternatives.

7. Substances of Very High Concern

- 20 substances are on the priority list and related to water emissions.
- 13 priority hazardous substances are to be phased out.
 - Epoxies
 - Styrene
 - Isocyanates: in paint products/foam/sealants/ bonding materials. Training for those personnel using these substances; ICOMIA will handle marine training in partnership with chemical industry

8. Workshops

- Program discussions
 - Should focus on end game for each environmental program.
 - Recommended papers of what each country is doing in each environmental program. Best practices. Key areas that have an international threat. Use a google.doc.
- *Check Clean Dry*
 - Share best practices (US AIS programs).
 - Maintain the ICOMIA Global Portal for all national regulations.
- Extreme weather.
- Crisis management tool kits.

9. Country Reports

- USA - Invasive species/ Asian carp.
- Australia - Extreme weather preparedness.
- UK - End of life and recycling; London convention/alternatives to disposal at sea of GRP products.
- UK - Cease disposal of pyrotechnics/ looking at new technologies.
- Sweden – Holding talks on treatment systems needed for permanently installed toilets; will look at levels for treatment systems.

10. Recycling and Abandoned Boats

- In Netherlands, boats are ground up and tables are built. 85% of the tables are recycled material.

11. The next meeting of the ICOMIA Environmental Committee will be held at METSTRADE 2018 in Amsterdam.

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