



RECOMMENDATION 1 USE ELECTRONIC MEANS FOR REPORTING

IMO should ensure that requirements to provide information to and from IMO could be fulfilled by electronic means.



RECOMMENDATION 2 ESTABLISH IMO WEB-BASED INFORMATION PORTAL

A web-based, secure information portal to fulfil reporting requirements should be established by IMO.



RECOMMENDATION 8 IMPROVE MARITIME SECURITY AWARENESS

More work needs to be done to explain the reasons that led IMO to adopt the security provisions in SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the International Ship and Port facility Security Code (ISPS Code), as these are perceived as burdensome and disproportionate.



RECOMMENDATION 9 AVOID ACCUMULATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

When developing regulatory proposals, it is important to pay attention to the burden that can arise from the combined effect of two or more administrative requirements, which may not be burdensome on their own.



RECOMMENDATION 3 RECOGNIZE ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES

Electronic certificates should be recognized as equivalent to original paper certificates and similar documents.



RECOMMENDATION 4 ACCEPT ELECTRONIC RECORD-KEEPING

Electronic recording of information should be accepted as a full alternative to paper versions.



RECOMMENDATION 5 RECOGNIZE ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS (OTHER THAN CERTIFICATES)

Electronic versions of documents required to be carried on board should be recognized as equivalent to original paper documents.



RECOMMENDATION 6 AVOID MULTIPLE REPORTING

Reporting to a single entity should be introduced to avoid the need to report the same information to multiple entities, in particular in cases of accidents.



RECOMMENDATION 7 ACCEPT OTHER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS

Particularly burdensome administrative requirements should be reviewed to ensure universal acceptance of electronic or software solutions.



RECOMMENDATION 13 INCREASE EFFORTS TO AVOID FUTURE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS

Every effort should be made to identify possible burdens before approving proposals for developing new regulations or amendments to existing regulations. It is recommended that the IMO Council amends procedures to ensure that the checklist for identifying administrative requirements and burdens is strictly applied and also identifies possible electronic solutions.



RECOMMENDATION 12 MONITOR AND REVIEW EXISTING REGULATIONS

No piece of legislation should be written in stone. It is important to keep an open mind on the continuous relevance, adequacy and effectiveness of existing regulations. Regulations that have become out-of-date, superfluous, inappropriate or ineffective should be removed, based on the changing needs of the shipping industry and technological advances.



RECOMMENDATION 10 AVOID BURDENS FROM NON-MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS

Fulfilling guidelines and other non-binding instruments often involves administrative tasks that add to the burden associated with mandatory administrative requirements. Such potentially adverse consequences must be taken into consideration when introducing non-binding instruments.



RECOMMENDATION 11 ADOPT IMO RESOLUTION ON EFFICIENT REGULATION

The IMO Assembly should adopt a resolution reaffirming the Organization's commitment to efficient regulation and ensure that the regulatory process systematically addresses the problems of duplication, complexity, and lack of coherence and transparency.



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