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To: All IMO Members
United Nations and Specialized Agencies
Intergovernmental Organizations
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Subject: **Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)
Database on National Facilitation Committees**

1 The Secretariat has developed, as approved by FAL 42, a new database in the Facilitation Module of GISIS to collect information on National Facilitation Committees and programmes, aimed at providing Member States with more comprehensive and up-to-date guidance to establish national and regional committees, in order to promote and coordinate measures to improve the facilitation of maritime transport as recognized by the Facilitation (FAL) Convention, 1965, as amended.

2 The new GISIS platform allows Member States to upload and update information regarding national facilitation committees and programmes for sharing.

3 Access to this function is available to authorized users with a valid IMO Web Account. For each Member State, only the designated Administrator has the authority to create or amend entries, to minimize possible duplication of information.

Action requested of Member States

4 Member States are encouraged to upload and update, as appropriate, information concerning their national facilitation committees and programmes in the new database.

5 Brief instructions on how to manage the data on the GISIS website are set out in the annex. Should there be any technical issues while entering information, users may contact the Secretariat at gisis@imo.org

6 Should there be any queries, comments and recommendations regarding this module, users may contact the Secretariat at falsec@imo.org

ANNEX

INSTRUCTIONS ON ACCESS TO THE DATABASE ON NATIONAL FACILITATION COMMITTEES ON GISIS

As a module within the integrated GISIS system, the platform can be accessed via the GISIS Members Area at <https://gisis.imo.org/Members>



















Access into GISIS requires an authorized IMO Web Account, which is managed and maintained by a designated IMO Web Account Administrator of each Member State. The Administrator should grant permissions to the IMO Web Account(s) of the authorized individual(s) within the administration who will enter and update information for the Member State. (The IMO Web Accounts system is detailed in Circular Letter No.2892 which includes the Administrator's Manual.)

When a user with the appropriate access to update information within the Platform logs into GISIS, they may create or update the National Facilitation Committee information as follows:

1 Access to the database

The information on *National Maritime Facilitation Committees* (NMFC) is available in the *Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic* module.

Find module by keyword Search

 Ship and Company Particulars Search the world fleet of ships by IMO Number and look up company particulars by IMO Company Number.	 ERO Contact Points Contact lists of competent authorities and authorized organizations relating to ERO matters.
 Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic Information on stowaway incidents, E-Addresses of Governmental Authorities and notifications pursuant to article VIII of the FAL Convention.	 GMDSS  Public Area Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
 Development of Amendments Development of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and related mandatory instruments.	 Member State Audits Information on audits under the IMO Member State Audit Scheme.
 Prototypes Prototype modules.	 Maritime Security  Public Area Information communicated under the provisions of SOLAS regulation XI-2/13 (SOLAS chapter X1-2 and the ISPS Code).
 Recognized Organizations  Public Area Information submitted by Member States under MSC/Circ.1010-MEPC/Circ.382.	 Marine Casualties and Incidents  Public Area Data on marine casualties and incidents as defined by circulars MSC-MEPC.3/Circ.1.
 Port Reception Facilities  Public Area Data on the available port reception facilities for the reception of ship-generated wastes.	 Contact Points  Public Area Contact lists of competent authorities and authorized organizations relating to IMO matters.

2 Browsing data within the database

All available information will be available on the main page. The page also allows authorized users to create new data.

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Contracting Government: [Show all]

Country/Territory	Date Established	Website
China	2022-05-01	https://docs.imo.org/
Singapore	2015-01-01	https://docs.imo.org/Category.aspx?cid=43
Slovenia	2010-05-19	https://imocompendium.imo.org/public/IMO-Compendium/Draft/index.htm
Spain	2003-01-01	https://docs.imo.org/

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3 Creating new data

Authorized users may create new data and upload relevant documents in PDF or Word files.

Date of establishment of NMFC cannot be a future date.

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Collect information for national maritime facilitation committees

Information Details

Contracting Government: Spain

Date of establishment of NMFC: 2003-01-01

Type of Information:

- terms of reference for national maritime facilitation committees
Attach files
- composition and methods of work of national maritime facilitation committees
Attach files
- contents of national maritime facilitation programmes
Attach files
- interaction between national maritime facilitation committees and wider national facilitation committees, maritime security bodies and port-level committees
Attach files
- any national legislation adopted to give legal force to the national maritime facilitation programme
Attach files

Website of NMFC:

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Information Details

Contracting Government: Spain

Date of establishment of NMFC: 2003-01-01

Type of Information:

- terms of reference for national maritime facilitation committees
Title/description: Test Terms of Reference
Filename: Test Terms of Reference
Language: English
Attach files
- composition and methods of work of national maritime facilitation committees
Title/description: Test methods of work of national maritime
Filename: Test methods of work of national maritime
Language: Spanish
Attach files
- contents of national maritime facilitation programmes
Title/description: Test contents
Filename: Test contents
Language: French
Attach files
- interaction between national maritime facilitation committees and wider national facilitation committees, maritime security bodies and port-level committees
Title/description: Test interaction
Filename: Test interaction
Language: Russian
Attach files
- any national legislation adopted to give legal force to the national maritime facilitation programme
Title/description: Test legislation
Filename: Test legislation
Language: English
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Acknowledgement will be sent once information has been saved.

Information saved.

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4 Updating existing data

Each Member State may only have one active entry. Authorized users may edit or delete the entry.

Collect information for national maritime facilitation committees

Contracting Government: Benin
Date of establishment of NMFC: 2005-05-12

Type of Information:

- terms of reference for national maritime facilitation committees
- composition and methods of work of national maritime facilitation committees
- contents of national maritime facilitation programmes
 - test 1
 - MSC-FAL.1-Circ.3-Rev.1 - Guidelines On Maritime... (410 KB) / Russian
- interaction between national maritime facilitation committees and wider national facilitation committees, maritime security bodies and port-level committees
- any national legislation adopted to give legal force to the national maritime facilitation programme
 - legislation test
 - Word document tricks.docx (15 KB) / English

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