Getting the buy-in of all port users

10 minute presentations on implementation and ongoing compliance followed by discussion and Q&A

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BIOGRAPHY

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ABSTRACT

- The ex-post Evaluation of the PRF Directive (2015) has indicated the need for a legislative revision of the PRF Directive (Directive 2000/59/EC on port reception facilities) in order to take stock of recent international developments and improve implementation and enforcement of the main obligations.

- In particular the following challenges have to be addressed: 1. Improving adequacy of waste reception facilities in EU ports, 2. Ensure that ships deliver their waste to these facilities (through incentives and enforcement of the Directive's waste delivery obligation), and 3. Decrease the administrative burden associated with implementation of the Directive on ports, port users and competent authorities in EU MS.

- The Impact Assessment that has recently been concluded has considered the following policy options for the revision: 1. continuing the Baseline (no EU intervention), 2. Minimum revision, 3. MARPOL alignment, 4. EU PRF regime (beyond MARPOL); with two variant options (3b and 4b) focused on Marine Litter.

- These options group together the twenty policy measures designed for the revision. The policy measures fall within the following categories: 1. Adequacy of PRF, 2. Economic incentives for delivery (cost recovery systems), 3. Enforcement, 4. Definitions and forms, and 5. Exemptions for ships in scheduled traffic.

- The Commission has also undertaken a number of other measures to improve implementation of the current Directive during the interim period, i.e. until the revision is in place, in particular: adoption of interpretive Guidelines, as well as the development of a Common Monitoring and Information system and the adoption of new waste business rules for the electronic reporting of the advance waste notification.

- The Commission's proposal for the revision of the PRF Directive, together with the Commission's IA Report, will be published later this year.