

**45TH SESSION OF THE IMO FACILITATION COMMITTEE (FAL)
Remote virtual meeting, 1 – 7 June**

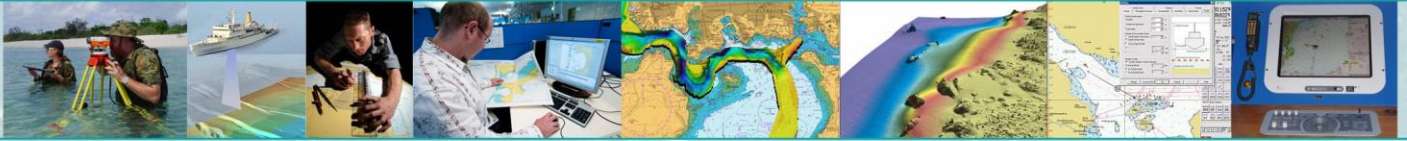
Contribution to the IHO Work Programme 2021	
Task 1.1.8	Maintain relationship with the International Maritime Organization (IMO)

The forty-fifth session of the IMO Facilitation Committee was held remotely from 1 to 7 June 2021, chaired by Ms Marina Angsell (Sweden). The session was attended by Member States and Associate Members; representatives from specialized agencies and other entities; observers from intergovernmental organizations with agreements of cooperation; and observers from non-governmental organizations in consultative status. The IHO Secretariat was represented by Director Abri Kampfer.

The Committee, taking into account the limited time available at the session, agreed to postpone the consideration of several agenda items and the respective documents submitted under those items, to FAL 46. The Committee, having noted the decision to postpone agenda item on Regulatory scoping exercise for the use of maritime autonomous surface ships (MASS), approved the intersessional Working Group on Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships to complete the regulatory scoping exercise on the FAL Convention intersessionally to be held from 12 to 14 October 2021.

The Committee established the Working Group on Facilitation Instruments, chaired by Mr Fabien Joret (France) that met from 1 to 4 June 2021 and a Working Group on Electronic Business that met from 2 to 4 June 2021, under the chairmanship of Mr Mikael Renz (Sweden). Each Working Group operated under a specific term of reference that included the actions to be completed and reported upon for the consideration of the Committee. The outcomes included revised guidelines for setting up a maritime single window, a new version of the IMO Compendium, a revised working procedure of the Expert Group on Data Harmonizing (EGDH), a revised priority list of data sets to be examined by EGDH and new terms of reference of the Correspondence Group on Developing Guidelines on Electronic Signature Systems and Operational Port Data for the Purpose of Digital Information Exchange.

The Committee considered document FAL 45/6/7 (IHO) containing information about IHO Standard S-131 (Marine Harbour Infrastructure), which aimed to support berth to berth route planning operations in line with IMO resolution A.893(21). The Standard, under development by IHO in cooperation with IHMA, is making good progress. The Committee further noted the request from IHO to include the "Data set on berth locations (S-131 (Marine Harbour Infrastructure))" in the priority list of data sets in order for IHO to submit it directly to EGDH for inclusion in the IMO Compendium as soon as it was finalized by IHO. In this regard, the Committee agreed to submit the document to the Working Group on Electronic Business who subsequently proposed the inclusion of the "Data set on berth locations (S-131 (Marine Harbour Infrastructure))" in the priority list of data sets. The Committee agreed to inform



relevant committees on the data sets to be examined by EGDH with a view to including the data set in the IMO Compendium.

In accordance with its rules of procedure, the Committee unanimously elected Ms Marina Angsell (Sweden) as Chair for 2022. The Committee, having noted that the current Vice-Chair, Ms Hadiza Bala Usman (Nigeria), may not be available for re-election, agreed to postpone the election of the Vice-Chair of the Facilitation Committee for 2022.

The Committee noted that, due to the uncertainty about which kind of meetings (physical or hybrid) would be held in 2022, the preliminary programme of meetings for 2022 was not yet available.