

S-101PT Letter 03/2025

5th Nov 2025

S-101 Project Team Update

Dear S-101 Project Team Members,

I hope that you are all well. I would like to provide a few updates on developments since the S-101PT16 meeting.

1. S-100WG Outcomes

I am pleased to report that the S-100 Working Group noted our report and agreed to submit the revised Workplan to HSSC18 for approval. In terms of the merger of the ENCWG and S-101PT, this was endorsed subject to HSSC18 approval. It was noted that a broader restructure of the HSSC Working Groups has been proposed; and the IHO Council recently decided to establish a joint Project Team to examine this (Decision C9/059). This Project Team will report to C-10. My intent at HSSC18 is to propose that the merger of these groups should proceed ahead of this work noting the associated timeline.

2. S-101PT17 Meeting

As agreed at S-101PT16 we will hold a VTC meeting over 2 days during February 2026. This will allow us to maintain momentum and prepare a report for HSSC18. This will be held on the 10th and 11th of February 2026 from 1200 to 1500 UTC+1.

Key focusses of this meeting will be to.

- Consider and agree changes for inclusion in the next version of S-101 and discuss whether this will be edition 2.1.0 or 2.0.1
- Endorsement of a final draft of Edition 1.1.0 of S-158:101 Validation Checks
- Gather feedback and experiences from trials and production to inform S-101 development.
- Work to enhance the documentation and migrate to a future maintenance solution.

Project Team members are invited to propose papers and agenda items to the Chair and Secretary, noting that the established agenda structure of the Project Team will be used.

3. S-101PT18 Meeting

Since S-101PT16 the following dates have been proposed for the joint meeting with ENCWG in Quebec City, Canada.

5th – 9th October 2026

A further circular letter will be issued with full details in the new year, but I wanted to provide this information to support planning and budgeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Richardson" clearly distinguishable.

Tom Richardson
(IHO – S-101PT Chair