

Minutes of a meeting of the Association's Marine Policy & Regulatory Affairs (MPRA) Committee held on 3rd July, 2025, from 13.30 via videoconference

1 Competition Law Compliance Policy

The IMCA Competition Law Compliance Policy, which had been circulated with the meeting agenda, was drawn to the attention of all present.

2 Welcome and Attendance

Apologies for absence were recorded, with the latest meeting attendance now as follows:

Name	Company	3 rd Jul, 2025	25 th May, 2025	6 th Feb, 2025	12 th Dec, 2024
Dennis Janssen (Vice Chair)	Allseas	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Peter McCombie	TechnipFMC	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Aurelien Verrier	Saipem	Attended	Attended	Absent	Absent
Bert Devos	Jan de Nul	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Eugene van Dodeweerd	Boskalis	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absent
Evan McLaughlin	McDermott	Attended	Attended	Absent	Attended
Frederic Siohan	Bourbon	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Gary Ritchie	Subsea 7	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Gerd Van de Merlen	DEME Group	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Geert van Ijserloo	Fugro	Attended	Attended	N/A	N/A
Joost Rotgans	Heerema Marine Contractors	Attended	Attended	Absent	Absent
Kyle Pemberton	Seacor Marine	Absent	Absent	Attended	Attended
Liesbeth den Haan	Van Oord	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absent
Matt Thomas	Bibby Marine	Attended	Attended	Attended	Attended
Phil Moss	Bibby Marine	Attended	Attended	Absent	Attended
Remko Kloos	FUGRO	Attended	Attended	Resigned	Absent
Saverio La Forgia	Saipem	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absent
Liesbeth den Haan	Van Oord	Attended	Attended	Attended	Absent

Legend:	Attended	Part-time	Substitute	Apologies	Absent	N/A
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3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2025, were agreed and were duly signed as an accurate record by the Vice Chair.

3.2 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

There were no items under this agenda item.

4 Updates on Public Consultations

4.1 IP Code – Update on the outcome of the UK IP Code consultation process

The Committee recalled that it had engaged in the UK's Public Consultation on the IP Code and that, in a subsequent meeting attended by Margaret Fitzgerald, the MCA stated that it researched the approach taken by other Flag States and that its position is aligned with those, particularly the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and the Isle of Man.

Consequently, Margaret Fitzgerald had contacted the relevant shipowner associations, and noted that KVNR has written to the Dutch Administration seeking confirmation of what the MCA claims as has Danish Shipping. Both are awaiting a response and will update IMCA when they hear back from their Administrations.

Margaret advised that she had contacted the Norwegian Shipowners about the same issue but had not received a reply.

Gary Ritchie offered to contact the Isle of Man on the issue.

4.2 EU MRV applicability to the offshore sector – update

The Committee was advised that recent meeting was very frustrating as the Commission had not taken on board the issues and concerns raised by the offshore industry and the proposed short-term and long-term solutions have been ignored.

The Committee noted that the Commission has set a deadline of June 13 for Industry to respond with further comments so the industry partners would be collaborating to develop a unanimous response, in consultation with their respective members.

The Committee noted that Allseas, Bibby, DEME, Fugro, Heerema, Jan de Nul, TechnipFMC and Van Oord were all participating through IMCA and their respective national shipowner associations.

4.3 European Commission public consultation on the review of the EU ETS (ETS 1)

The Committee was advised that the public consultation on this was open for feedback until July 8, 2025.

The Committee agreed to form a small Working Group to develop IMCA's response within the deadline.

Action: Committee Members

5 Updates from IMO

5.1 Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 110)

- 1) Margaret Fitzgerald informed the Committee that Brazil, China and Malaysia had submitted a joint document to MSC 110 (MSC 110/18/6) on a proposal for a new work item to develop guidelines for survey, operation and management of offshore personnel transfer baskets.
- 2) Margaret advised that MSC 110 did not agree to include the proposed output in the work programme at this time. In this context, the Committee invited interested Member States and international organisations to consider submitting a revised proposal with a wider scope of application of such personnel transfer baskets to a future session of the Maritime Safety Committee.
- 3) The Committee agreed to consider whether this is something it would wish to do in the future.

5.2 Entry into force of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships

- 1) Margaret Fitzgerald advised the Committee that the Hong Kong Convention which was adopted on 15th May 2009 finally entered into force on 26th June 2025. The Convention establishes mandatory regulations to govern the way ships are recycled..
- 2) The Committee was advised that implementation of the Hong Kong Convention would be assessed through:
 - .1 an Experience Building Phase (EBP); and
 - .2 development of amendments and clarifications, as appropriate.

6 MPRA Committee Seminar

- 1) The Committee recalled that the MPRA Seminar was scheduled to take place in Amsterdam on 12th November at the Kimpton De Witt Hotel and will focus on regulatory changes within IMO, the EU and the UK.
- 2) It was noted that the confirmed speakers include:

Tore Longva – DNV

Henk-Erik Sierink – Dutch Administration

Edwin Pang – RINA

- 3) Margaret Fitzgerald asked for volunteers to act as an organising committee to work with IMCA's comms and events teams to finalise arrangements for the seminar including a dinner the night before the seminar.
- 4) Luisa Corricelli, IMCA's events specialist joined the meeting and asked the committee to assist in providing some text to be used in marketing the event including addressing the following:
 - .1 What is the event is about? Please provide an overview of theme and/or session content
 - .2 Please provide detail on why we are holding the event
 - .3 Why should people attend/what will they gain out of it?
 - .4 Who should attend?
 - .5 Any confirmed speakers to mention?
- 5) The Committee agreed that the event will be attractive for members as it is covering all the new legislation which is coming down the track and, coming so soon after the Extraordinary Session of MEPC is an advantage, as it will provide an opportunity for offshore contractors an opportunity to unravel the complicated legislation and to discuss what will be needed in additional guidance for IMCA members.
- 6) Luisa requested that the agenda be finalised by 30th August.

Action: Committee Members

7 Any Other Business

There was a short discussion of other issues the committee might want to consider at a future meeting including:

- .1 Persistent Organic Pollutants in fire-fighting foams
- .2 SOLAS Chapter II – Cranes
- .3 New SOLAS requirements for lifting appliances, loose gear, project gear and definitions which remain a problem.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to schedule its next meeting after the summer break and before the Extraordinary Session of MEPC. Margaret Fitzgerald will liaise with the Chair and Vice Chair to find a convenient date and will circulate a Teams invitation.

Action: Margaret Fitzgerald

	Dennis Janssen	30 Sept. 2025
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Signed as a true record

Name

Date

Annex 1 – Agenda for the Meeting

Agenda



1. Welcome & apologies for absence
2. Competition Law Compliance Policy
3. Adoption of the Minutes of last meeting – 28th May 2025
4. Updates on Public Consultations
 1. IP Code – Update on the outcome of the UK IP Code consultation process
 2. EU MRV applicability to the offshore sector - update
 3. EU ETS – European Commission public consultation on the review of the EU ETS (ETS 1)
5. Update from IMO
 1. Maritime Safety Committee 110
 2. Entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention
6. MPRA Event in 2025
7. Any Other Business
8. Date of next meeting

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