



International Oil Pollution
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2010 HNS CONVENTION

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Summary:	This document provides information on a forthcoming virtual workshop on the 2010 HNS Convention.
Action to be taken:	<u>1992 Fund Assembly</u> Information to be noted.

1 Introduction

Since 2010, several international workshops have been organised to facilitate the implementation and entry into force of the 2010 HNS Convention, notably in 2011 in Rotterdam, in 2014 in Rome, and in 2016 in Montreal. In 2018, a two-day workshop was organised by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), in cooperation with the IOPC Funds, at the IMO Headquarters in London to assist Member States in their work towards further ratifications of the Protocol. Since the workshop in 2018, another two States have ratified or acceded to the 2010 HNS Convention.

2 HNS virtual workshop

- 2.1 Canada is organising a virtual workshop that is expected to take place in September of 2022. The exact dates will be announced at the March 2022 meeting of the governing bodies. The virtual format would allow more States and industry representatives to participate, given travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2.2 The workshop will be open to all Member States, IGOs and NGOs in consultative status with the IOPC Funds and IMO. Participation by policy and decision-makers with respect to the ratification of the 2010 HNS Convention is particularly encouraged. The Secretariats of the IOPC Funds and IMO will also have active roles in the workshop.
- 2.3 The tentative agenda (see Annex) would include an overview of the 2010 HNS Convention, what it is and why it is important; an overview of HNS incidents; Member State implementation of the 2010 HNS Convention and HNS reporting systems; and would comprise panels and/or roundtables with relevant experts and Member State representatives.
- 2.4 Parties who wish to have specific topics covered during the HNS virtual workshop can send an email to Canada at: MarineLiability-ResponsabiliteMaritime@tc.gc.ca. A circular will be shared later in 2022 with the details of the workshop, including the agenda.

3 Action to be taken

1992 Fund Assembly

The 1992 Fund Assembly is invited to take note of the information contained in this document.

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ANNEX

PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON THE 2010 HNS CONVENTION

Day 1	
<i>15 minutes</i>	Opening Remarks
<i>30 minutes</i>	Session 1 – An Introduction to the HNS Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief history of the HNS Convention • An overview of its main features, including its two tiers of compensation • Update on the current status of the Convention
<i>5 minutes</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<i>60 minutes</i>	Session 2 – HNS Incidents: Risks and Claims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The risks posed by shipping HNS • Types of losses and damage that could result from an HNS incident • Overview of an actual HNS incident • Existing insurance coverage for HNS incidents and historic HNS incident data • Assessment of claims for HNS incidents
<i>10 minutes</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<i>60 minutes</i>	Session 3 – Examples in Domestic Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How states have implemented the HNS Convention domestically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislation, regulations ○ Best practices • Question and answer session on domestic implementation

Day 2	
<i>30 minutes</i>	Session 4 – Industry Views <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Views from legal, shipping and cargo sectors
<i>60 minutes</i>	Session 5 – HNS Reporting Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of reporting requirements • Overview of national reporting systems and issues facing states (including agent/principal, cargo in transit, thresholds, enforcement and verification) • Best practices/lessons learned • Question and answer session on HNS reporting
<i>15 minutes</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>

<i>45 minutes</i>	<p>Session 6 – Preparations for the First HNS Fund Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on key decisions the first Assembly of the new HNS Fund will need to take, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy issues with regards to HNS reporting and contributions ○ Administrative and financial arrangements and regulations ○ Claims Manual
<i>30 minutes</i>	<p>Conclusions and workshop closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key takeaways from the workshop • Next steps on implementation • Next steps once entry into force is triggered