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QUESTIONNAIRE ON INSPECTIONS OF CONTAINERS/VEHICLES CARRYING PACKAGED DANGEROUS GOODS

1 The Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC), at its ninth session (27 September to 1 October 2004), in recalling the provisions of MSC/Circ.859, whereby Member Governments are invited to submit reports to the Organization on the results of inspection on the compliance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code of cargo transport units carrying dangerous goods, supported proposals that, in order to obtain an accurate reflection of the degree of such inspections taking place, it would be appropriate to carry out a survey to ascertain the full extent of such inspections.

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-ninth session (1 to 10 December 2004), concurred with the approach taken by the Sub-Committee and instructed the Secretariat to collate the information received, in response to the questionnaire, and to report the results to DSC 10.

3 Member Governments are requested to provide the information requested in the questionnaire set out in the annex and to forward completed questionnaires to the Secretariat by 1 June 2005.

ANNEX

**IMO SURVEY - INSPECTIONS OF CONTAINERS/VEHICLES CARRYING
PACKAGED DANGEROUS GOODS**

- 1 What specific arrangements do you have in place to accord with MSC/Circ.859 to carry out inspections of freight containers/vehicles carrying packaged dangerous goods in relation to compliance with the IMDG Code?
- 2 How frequently are the above arrangements carried out?
- 3 If no arrangements are in place, do you propose to institute inspections and when will they be instituted?
- 4 When did you last send in a report of the findings of inspections to the IMO?
- 5 What did your last report of inspections indicate as a level of compliance?
- 6 What initiatives to raise awareness of the requirements of the IMDG Code do you have in place?
- 7 What enforcement actions have been taken in the past 12 months as a result of your inspections?
- 8 The IMDG Code is mandatory. What activities in relation to the shipment of packaged dangerous goods are envisaged by your organization because of its mandatory nature?

Please complete the above questionnaire as fully as possible and return this form by 1 June 2005.

Co-ordinates of responding Member Government to include complete address, telephone and facsimile numbers and, if possible, an e-mail address.
