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To: All IMO Members
United Nations and specialized agencies
Intergovernmental organizations
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Subject: **Second Workshop on the Relationship between Energy Efficiency and Underwater Radiated Noise from Ships (6 and 7 November 2025)**

1 As endorsed by the eightieth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 80), the [first Workshop on the Relationship Between Energy Efficiency and Underwater Radiated Noise from Ships](#) was held on 18 and 19 September 2023 at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.

2 MEPC 82 approved the Action plan for the reduction of underwater noise from commercial shipping, which included the convening of the second Workshop on the Relationship Between Energy Efficiency and Underwater Radiated Noise from Ships, with the participation of relevant experts (MEPC 82/17/Add.1, annex 8, section B, item 2).

3 The above-mentioned second Workshop on the Relationship Between Energy Efficiency and Underwater Radiated Noise from Ships will be convened from 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (UTC+1) on **6 and 7 November 2025**, at IMO Headquarters in Committee Room 9. The meeting will be conducted in English without interpretation. Hybrid meeting capability will be available to complement the in-person meeting. Information on hybrid meetings is provided in Circular Letter No.4627.

4 Further information on the workshop, including a provisional agenda, a list of speakers and registration procedures will be communicated on the [event page](#), which participants are encouraged to visit for the latest updates as the event approaches.

5 For suggestions to take part as a speaker/panellist, please contact the IMO Secretariat by e-mail at urnworkshop@imo.org, not later than 31 of May 2025. The same email can be used for general queries and communication about the subject workshop.

6 Registration is mandatory for active participation and further details are set out in the annex. On-site participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation. Visa support letters can be provided upon request once registration has been completed.

7 All participants are subject to the Code of Conduct for Delegates, Observers and Other Participants at IMO Meetings, Events and Activities to Prevent Harassment including Sexual Harassment, provided in Circular Letter No.4908 of 20 August 2024.

ANNEX REGISTRATION

Registration

Member Governments, UN Agencies, IGOs and NGOs are required to provide, prior to the meeting date, the names of all the members of their delegations attending the meeting via the Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS), as advised in Circular Letter No.4336 of 5 November 2020. This facilitates both their entry into the building and the production of the list of participants by the Secretariat.

Active participants are those registered as either *physical* (attending meetings at IMO Headquarters in person) or *remote-active*. They are authorized to take the floor and make interventions. **Passive participants** are those only able to follow proceedings remotely via live-streaming.

Remote-active participants will receive a personalized joining link via email daily before each session starts at approximately 08.30 UTC. The Zoom link is unique to the recipient and should not be shared with anyone. Accuracy of the registered email address in OMRS is crucial.

Remote-passive participants automatically receive a link, once their registration is approved, to a web stream of the session (live streaming), which will be broadcast via the IMODOCS page. It is important to note that the option for remote-passive participation is available only if the meeting is livestreamed.

In-person participants should not join the Zoom meeting when physically present in the Main Hall or Committee Rooms, as this will have a detrimental impact on the hybrid system and reduce the number of licences available for those joining remotely

Delegates wishing to change their participation status from in-person to remote-active or vice versa must do so in the OMRS through their respective OMRS Delegation Coordinator(s). Subsequently, they will receive a joining link to the meeting.

Delegates attending the meeting in-person who have completed the registration procedure will be issued with an electronic access card at IMO to pass through the security barrier at the IMO Headquarters.

Issue of the access card will require photographic proof of identity, e.g. passport, identity card or driving licence. Delegates may also be required to show proof of identity at any time while they are in the IMO Headquarters if requested by IMO Security. In view of the significant costs incurred in producing access cards, delegates who have previously been issued with one are kindly requested to bring it with them for reactivation.

Any matters relating to the use of the OMRS and the participation in the forthcoming Second Workshop on the Relationship between Energy Efficiency and Underwater Radiated Noise from Ships should be communicated to:

Registration Unit
Meeting Services and Interpretation Section
Email: onlineregistration@imo.org

Members of delegations will not be registered to attend the meeting without authorization from their OMRS Delegation Coordinator. Delegates whose names do not appear on the OMRS list will be requested to contact their OMRS Delegation Coordinator in order to process their authorization to attend the meeting.

Remote or hybrid participation

Delegates joining the meeting remotely are urged to use appropriate equipment and are kindly requested to wait a few seconds before starting to speak and to endeavour to speak slowly and clearly, to facilitate interpretation in other languages.
