



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HNS CONVENTION

HNS Convention Workshop

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Status of Canadian Ratification

- Published Maritime Law Reform Discussion Paper in May 2005;
- Included proposals to ratify: HNS Convention, Bunkers Convention, Supplementary Fund & LLMC;
- Received feedback from broad range of stakeholders;
- Overall support from stakeholders in favour of ratification of HNS Convention.



Issues on Implementation

- Data gap:
 - Currently conducting research and analysis into statistics on HNS receipts in Canada;
 - Initial analysis shows Canada is a greater exporter of HNS than importer;
 - Approximately 3.8 million tonnes of HNS (excluding oil) are received annually (96% of receipts are international traffic);
 - Working towards identifying all receivers and potential receivers (Canada proposing national reporting threshold of 17,000 tonnes).



Issues on Implementation (Cont.)

- Coverage of Convention:
 - Unique geography raises policy questions of equal treatment of all HNS incidents;
 - “Carriage by sea” and “seagoing ship” potential issues for HNS trade on Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway, including cross-border trade with USA;
 - Further statistical analysis will assist in determining magnitude of this trade;
 - LNG receivers in Canada will pay contributions in cases where the title holder is in a non-contracting State.



Next Steps

- Canada closely monitoring status of the coming into force of the Convention and amounts of HNS reported by Member States;
- Complete analysis of HNS receipts in Canada;
- Draft recommendations on ratification to Cabinet for late 2006;
- Potentially introduce amendments to *Marine Liability Act* in Parliament in 2007.

