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# THE HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES (HNS) **CONVENTION**





**Workshop on the HNS Convention**  
**March 17-18, 2016**  
**Montréal, Québec, Canada**

**Context and background**

The 1996 HNS Convention, as amended by the 2010 Protocol, became the 2010 HNS Convention. A total of eight states signed the 2010 HNS Protocol, subject to ratification.

The entry into force of the HNS Convention would result in filling a critical gap in the global network of liability and compensation conventions for ship-source pollution. The HNS regime complements the international oil pollution liability and compensation regime. It covers significantly more substances and damage, including certain damage from persistent oils that are not covered by the oil regime. The HNS Convention would provide compensation of up to 250 million Special Drawing Rights (approximately CDN\$450 million).

The HNS Convention will enter into force 18 months after the date on which it has been ratified by at least 12 states, four of which have a registered tonnage of not less than two million, with a minimum of 40 million tonnes of contributing cargo between the ratifying states. Currently, a number of states are working towards the domestic implementation and eventual ratification of the HNS Convention.

Given the contributory nature of the Convention, it is important to have a critical mass of states that represent a certain volume of bulk HNS cargo ready to trigger the Convention's entry into force. In this context, this workshop is a step in bringing the HNS Convention into force, as it will allow for in-depth work to be done in advance of the next annual IMO meeting and provide a discussion forum for states that have not yet taken steps to implement the Convention. It will provide a medium for discussions on the implementation of the HNS Convention, the opportunity to share lessons learned and best practices and to hear from industry, as well as plan next steps to further facilitate the ratification of the HNS Convention by states.

The programme for the workshop includes practical sessions on the HNS Convention's implementation, its reporting requirements and discussions on international and regional cooperation to bring the Convention into force. For your convenience, please find the programme of the HNS Workshop on the following pages.



**PROGRAMME**  
**March 17, 2016**  
**J. Armand Bombardier Theatre, McCord Museum**

<b>Morning</b>	
8:00-9:00am	Registration
9:00-9:15am	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks by Mr. François Marier, Manager and Senior Policy Advisor, Transport Canada and Coordinator of the HNS Correspondence Group</li> <li>• Opening Remarks by Ms. Joyce Henry, Director General, Marine Policy, Transport Canada</li> </ul>
9:15-10:30am	<p><b>Session 1: How we got here: History and Background of the 2010 HNS Convention</b></p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Alfred H. Popp, QC (Confirmed)</b>  Administrator of the Ship-source Oil Pollution Fund, Canada</p> <p><b>Prof. Erik Røsaeg (Confirmed)</b>  Professor, Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law,  University of Oslo, Norway</p> <p><b>Mr. Mark Gauthier (Confirmed)</b>  Retired General Counsel, Maritime Law Secretariat  Department of Justice, Government of Canada</p>
10:30-11:00am	Coffee Break (McCord Museum's Atrium)
11:00am-12:00pm	<p><b>Session 2: International Efforts to Bring the 2010 HNS Convention into Force</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Jan Engel de Boer (Confirmed)</b>  Senior Legal Officer, International Maritime Organization</p> <p><b>Mr. François Marier (Confirmed)</b>  Coordinator of the HNS Correspondence Group</p> <p><b>Mr. José Maura (Confirmed)</b>  Director, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds</p>
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch (McCord Museum's Atrium)



Afternoon	
1:30-3:00pm	<p><b>Session 3: HNS Incidents – Past, present and future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing insurance coverage for HNS incidents and historic HNS incident data</li> <li>• HNS incident scenarios being developed as part of the mandate of the Correspondence Group</li> </ul> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p><b>Mr. David Baker (Confirmed)</b> Senior Policy Advisor, International Group of P&amp;I Associations</p> <p><b>Dr. Annabelle Nicolas-Kopec (Confirmed)</b> Senior Technical Adviser, International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF)</p> <p><b>Thomas Liebert (Confirmed)</b> Head of External Relations and Conference Department, International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds</p>
3:00-3:30pm	Coffee Break (McCord Museum's Atrium)
3:30-5:00pm	<p><b>Session 4: Industry Views Panel</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p><b>Mr. Jos Verlinden (Confirmed)</b> Director, Transport and Logistics, European Chemical Industry Council</p> <p><b>Mr. Viggo Bondi (Confirmed)</b> Chairman of Maritime Law Committee, International Chamber of Shipping</p> <p><b>Mrs. Sonia Simard (Confirmed)</b> Director, Policy and Government Affairs, Shipping Federation of Canada</p> <p><b>Mr. Rob Hoffman (Confirmed)</b> Director, Government and Stakeholder Relations, Canadian Fuels Association</p>
6:30-9:00pm	<b>Reception hosted by Transport Canada (McCord Museum's Atrium)</b>



**PROGRAMME**  
**March 18, 2016**  
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<b>Morning</b>	
9:00-10:30am	<p><b>Session 5: Examples and Best Practices in Domestic Implementation</b></p> <p>Speakers will provide practical examples of how a state has implemented the Convention domestically, focusing on the mechanism and process, and share best practices.</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Caitlin O'Boyle (Confirmed)</b>  Policy Analyst, International Marine Policy, Transport Canada  Government of Canada</p> <p><b>Mr. Jan Gabrielsen (Confirmed)</b>  Senior Advisor, Danish Maritime Authority, Government of Denmark</p> <p><b>Ms. Hilde Flåten (Confirmed)</b>  Senior Agency Governance Adviser, Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, Government of Norway</p>
10:30-11:00am	Coffee Break (McCord Museum's Atrium)
11:00am-12:30pm	<p><b>Session 6: HNS Reporting</b></p> <p>Speakers will discuss issues facing states in the implementation of the reporting requirements, including agent/principle relationship, cargo in transit exception, thresholds for reporting, enforcement and verification of reporting, and system for collecting reports.</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Caitlin O'Boyle (Confirmed)</b>  Policy Analyst, International Marine Policy, Transport Canada</p> <p><b>Mr. Jan Gabrielsen (Confirmed)</b>  Senior Advisor, Danish Maritime Authority, Government of Denmark</p> <p><b>Mr. Thomas Liebert (Confirmed)</b>  Head of External Relations and Conference Department ,  International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds</p>
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch (McCord Museum's Atrium)



<b>Afternoon</b>	
2:00-3:00pm	<p><b>Session 7: International and Regional Cooperation</b></p> <p>Speakers will discuss international and regional efforts being made to collaborate on domestic implementation and bringing the Convention into force.</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p><b>Ms. Anyès Nauwelaerts (Confirmed)</b> Lawyer, Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport, Government of Belgium</p> <p><b>Mr. Jan Engel de Boer (Confirmed)</b> Senior Legal Officer, International Maritime Organization</p>
3:00-3:15pm	Coffee Break (McCord Museum's Atrium)
3:15-4:15pm	<p><b>Session 8: IMO Resolution on HNS Convention</b></p> <p>This plenary session will discuss in a plenary setting the development of a draft resolution to be considered by the IMO Legal Committee, including possibly setting out a target date for the Convention's coming into force as part of an international coordinated effort</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p><b>François Marier</b> Manager and Senior Policy Advisor, International Marine Policy, Transport Canada, Government of Canada</p>
4:15-4:30pm	<p><b>Next Steps and Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing Remarks by Mr. Daniel Haché, Director, International Marine Policy, Transport Canada</li> </ul>

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