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**FORMAT OF ANNUAL VMS SUMMARY
TO THE CCSBT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

Background

At CCSBT 15 (October 2008), the Extended Commission adopted a Resolution on establishing the CCSBT Vessel Monitoring System. The resolution requires Members and Cooperating Non-Members to provide VMS summary reports annually in advance of the Compliance Committee meeting and in the format approved by the Commission.

The Extended Commission tasked the Secretariat with drafting the summary VMS report format for circulation by 31 January 2009 for approval by Members by 30 April 2009.

Progress

The draft summary VMS report format was circulated on 21 January 2009 and declared approved on 7 April 2009. The approved format is at **Attachment A**.

Format of Annual VMS Summary to the CCSBT Compliance Committee

In accordance with section 3a of the Resolution on establishing the CCSBT Vessel Monitoring System, each Member and Cooperating Non-Member of the Extended Commission shall report the following information annually in advance of the Compliance Committee meeting.

1. A description of the progress and implementation of its VMS program in accordance with the CCSBT VMS resolution.
2. The number of its flag vessels on the CCSBT Authorised Vessel List that were required to report to a National VMS system.
3. The number of its flag vessels on the CCSBT Authorised Vessel List that actually reported to a National VMS system.
4. Reasons for any non-compliance with VMS requirements and action taken by the Member.
5. In the event of a technical failure of a vessel's VMS, the vessel's geographical position (latitude and longitude) at the time of failure and the length of time the VMS was inactive should be reported.
6. Describe the procedures used for manual reporting in the event of a VMS failure (e.g. "manual position reporting on a 4 hourly basis").
7. A description of any investigations initiated in accordance with paragraph 3(b) of the CCSBT VMS resolution including progress to date and any actions taken.