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Development of S-211

1. BACKGROUND

IALA has allocated S-211 to IPCDMC. This was to allow the Port CDM people to progress their efforts towards port efficiency. (Whether this small group can succeed in its aims is another question, but perhaps in combination with the STM effort some progress can be made. Certainly there is much scope for improvement in the efficiency of sea traffic and port operations.)

2. DEVELOPMENTS

This was not received with great pleasure by members of IHMA although we have only had email and verbal feedback.

3. SECRETARIAT VIEW

The Secretariat view is that IALA is not involved with Port CDM except for the VTS Maritime Services that ensure that vessels enter and leave ports safely and efficiently.

In discussions with IHO in June, IHO stated that the existing S-100/S-200 numbering system does not have enough numbers and additional sub-numbers would be desirable. Addition of MRN to S-100/S-200 would solve this lack of numbers problem.

It would also allow IHMA to create new S-211 products as it sees desirable, and provide a development method for improvement and development of S-xxx products in general..

4. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE PANEL

The Panel is requested to consider.