

EU RO Mutual Recognition Group

Statement from the EU RO MR Group

Inaugural Technical Review Meeting held on 21 April 2015

On 21 April 2015 the EU RO MR Group held its inaugural Mutual Recognition Technical Review Meeting (MR TRM) at the offices of Russian Maritime Register of Shipping in St Petersburg.

Based on an agreement with SEA Europe, the aim of the MR TRM was to present the current status of the MR Technical Requirement (MR TR) development and maintenance process and collect feedback on relevant technical issues. It therefore was another opportunity for industry to provide direct input for future prioritising of MR TR development.

The discussions at the MR TRM on 21 April 2015 covered a wide range of topics relating to the development of new Technical Requirements for products suitable for MR and maintenance of existing TRs and many of the issues raised were of specific interest to certain industry associations and manufacturers as noted in the records of the day's events.

The main points drawn from the recorded outcomes can be summarised as follows:

- Participants agreed that communication between EU RO MR Group and Industry concerning technical decisions taken by the EU RO MR Group during its MR TR development and maintenance process has to be extended;
- The EU RO MR Group's approach to selecting and rejecting products for MR TR development requires more transparency, and it was emphasized that providing an opportunity for industry input for future prioritising of products for MR TR development is very important;
- The ambit of the EU RO MR Group in relation to article 10.1 of regulation (EC) 391/2009; particularly with regard to different requirements (statutory and class) has to be further discussed and defined more clearly.

Overall, the feeling expressed by those attending the MR TRM was that it had been another successful step in the right direction to a more open and collaborative approach to the implementation of Mutual Recognition for type approval certification. Industry participants found the information provided useful and appreciated the opportunity to discuss technical feedback and ask questions.

There were open and frank discussions about the technical elements of mutual recognition, with some constructive actions identified, which will provide improvements in the MR TR development and maintenance processes going forward.

It was suggested that the MR TRM should be an annual event to continue the good collaboration experienced in St Petersburg and the EU RO MR Group will remain open to holding separate discussions with its stakeholders, as necessary, to address specific issues.

For more information on future MR TRMs, or mutual recognition in general, please contact the EU RO MR Group Secretariat: <http://www.euomr.org/contact-us>.

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List of TRM Participants – 21 April 2015

Company

American Bureau of Shipping

Bureau Veritas

China Classification Society

Nippon Kaiji Kyokai General Incorporated Foundation (ClassNK)

Croatian Register of Shipping

Danish Maritime

DNV GL

Eaton Electric/ Institute for International Product Safety GmbH

EU RO Mutual Recognition Group – Advisory Board Chair, Technical Committee Chair, and Secretary

Korean Register

Lloyd's Register Group Ltd.

MAN Diesel & Turbo

Netherlands Maritime Technology

Polish Register of Shipping

PPG Coatings Europe B.V. ~ Representing CEPE

RINA Spa

Russian Maritime Register of Shipping

Schneider Electric

SEA Europe

Siemens AG

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