

# International Taskforce



# Port Call Optimization

# Who is International Taskforce Port Call Optimization?

## The Taskforce:

- Started in January 2014
- Comprises subject matter experts with hands on expertise in shipping, ports and standards
- Works together with Non-Governmental Organizations to make submissions to robust standardization bodies to improve and formalize existing industry practices
- Works together with other port call optimization initiatives
- As a neutral body, consults but does not promote solution providers

INTERNATIONAL TASKFORCE PORT CALL OPTIMIZATION

Industry partners; shipping and agents

  
CMA CGM  
Line and Agency

  
Inchcape  
Shipping Services

  
Maersk

  
MSC Mediterranean Shipping  
Company S.A and Agency

  
Oldendorff Carriers

  
Shell

  
Torm

  
Vopak Agents

Industry partners; ports

  
Port of Algeciras

  
Ports of Auckland

  
Port of Busan

  
Port of Gothenburg

  
Port of Houston

  
Port of Ningbo Zhoushan

  
Port of Rotterdam

  
Port of Singapore

  
Port of Tanger Med

  
Hamburg Vessel  
Coordination Center

Standard partners

  
GS1

  
UK Hydrographic  
Office

  
UK Hydrographic  
Office

ENDORSERS

  
BIMCO

  
Chainport

  
Dry Bulk Terminals

  
Green Award  
Foundation

  
IALA

  
International Association  
of Ports and Harbours

  
International Cargo Handling  
Coordination Association

  
International  
Chamber of Shipping

  
International Federation of  
Ship's Masters' Associations

  
International Harbour  
Masters Association

  
International Hydrographic  
Organization

  
INTERCARGO

  
Lloyd's List Intelligence

  
MarineTraffic

  
Navylink

  
PortXchange

  
Sea Traffic Management

  
The Nautical Institute

  
UK P&I Club is managed  
by Thomas Miller

# Why did we start?

Initiator:

- Request from shipping to improve port call data quality and availability to IHMA

Followed by:

- IMO MEPC.323(74): call for action to improve quality and availability of data in ship-port interface



**RESOLUTION MEPC.323(74)**  
(adopted on 17 May 2019)

**INVITATION TO MEMBER STATES TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE PORT AND SHIPPING SECTORS TO CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING  
GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

HAVING ADOPTED resolution MEPC.304(72) on the *Initial IMO Strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships* (hereinafter the Initial Strategy),

NOTING that the Initial Strategy calls for the encouragement of port developments and activities globally to facilitate reduction of GHG emissions from shipping, including provision of ship and shoreside/onshore power supply from renewable sources, infrastructure to support supply of alternative low-carbon and zero-carbon fuels, and to further optimize the logistic chain and its planning, including ports,

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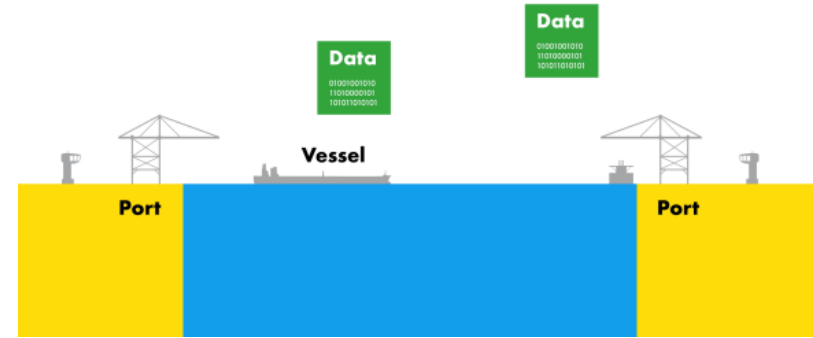
- To improve safety, security and environmental performance to address financial concerns, and encourage innovation and efficiency (IMO)
- Most cost-efficient way to do it, to ensure global outreach



# What is the scope of port call data?

Focus: movement of the vessel:

- Realizing safe and sustainable berth to berth navigation
- Important for shipping, shippers, terminals and ports



Related: movement of the vessel's cargo:

- Realizing reliable and sustainable end to end supply chain
- Important for shippers



# Why is the data owner important?

- Port call data from data owner is up to date and validated during daily operations
- Data owner for berth approaches (depths, pilot boarding time) is from port planner
- Data owner for berths (depths, berthing time) is from berth planner



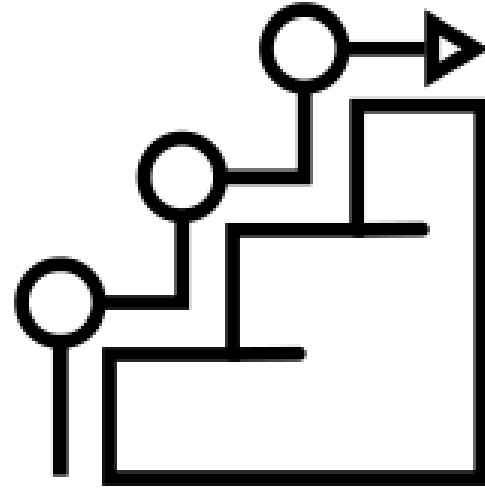
# Why is a global approach important?

- Data owners like to share data one to many globally, to minimize administrative burden, errors and delays in updates
- Ports sharing data one to many: they can receive up to 98.000 (2) different ships
- Shipping sharing data one to many: they operate in a global network of up to 8.000 (1) different ports



# Why is a step-by-step implementation important?

- Many ports and terminals use national / local / company standards for many years; switching over to international standards cannot happen overnight
- A first step is to have the data in international standards, but the information in local standards
- Again: a small step is already a big effort!





## For a global approach, we need a strong and global road map

- 1) Agree on business process of port calls
- 2) Agree on minimum scope of data
- 3) Agree on robust standardization bodies
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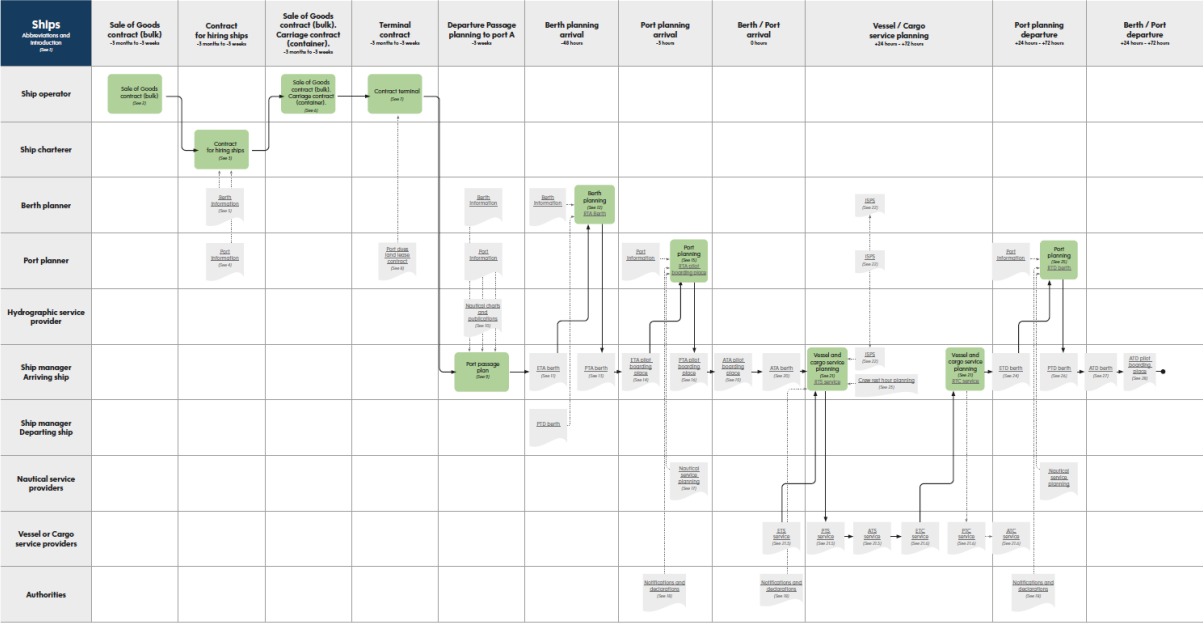
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# 1) Agree on business process of port calls

Accomplishments: port and trade agnostic business process and appendix; identification of data ownership

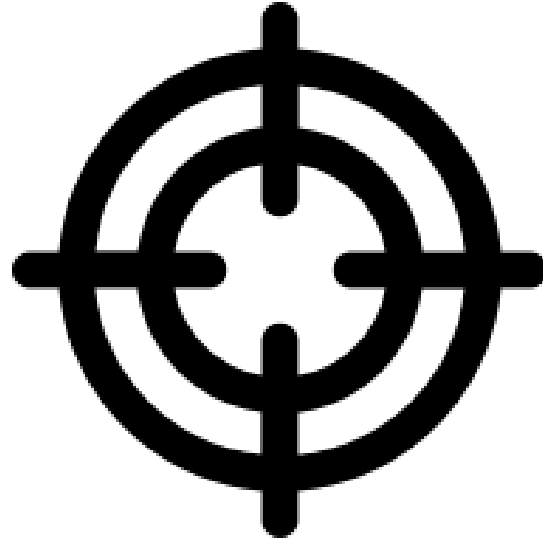


Appendix to Port Call Process  
Last update July 18 2022



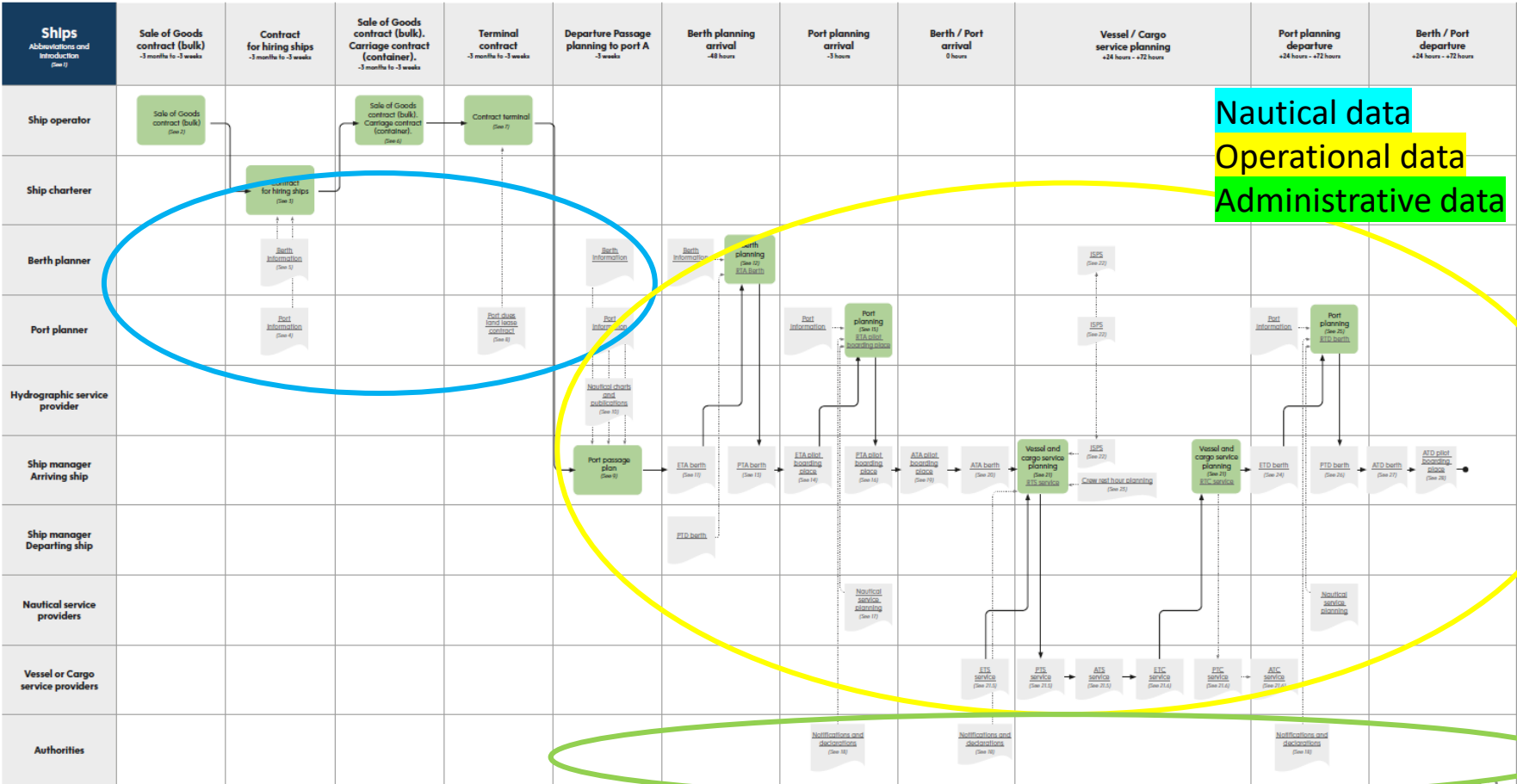
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# 2) Agree on minimum scope of data

Accomplishments: identified data sets based on IMO resolutions and BIMCO contracts



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Accomplishments: identified data sets – IMO FAL 46/5/1

### Nautical data

- Data that are provided by hydrographic offices or similar service provider that is used in safe navigation

### Operational data

- Data that are submitted to non-authority parties as part of planning or execution of certain operations

### Administrative data

- Data that are submitted by ships or other non-authority parties to authorities based on legislation or regulations

## 2) Agree on minimum scope of data

Accomplishments: identified data elements within data sets

### Nautical data

- Port depths and water levels
- Port infrastructure
- Port information

### Operational data

- Arrival / Departure times at berth and pilot boarding place
- Starting / Completion times of vessel and cargo services

### Administrative data

- IMO FAL forms data

## 2) Agree on minimum scope of data

Accomplishments: rationale based on being compliant with IMO (most ports are public ports governed by Member States)

### Nautical data

- a) Port depths and water levels: to be compliant with IMO Resolution A.893(21)
- b) Port infrastructure: to be compliant with IMO Resolution A.893(21)
- c) Port information: to be compliant with IMO Resolutions A.893(21) and A.862(20)

### Operational data

- a) Arrival / Departure times: to be compliant with IMO MEPC.304(72) and MLC
- b) Starting / Completion times: to be compliant with IMO MEPC. 304(72) and MLC

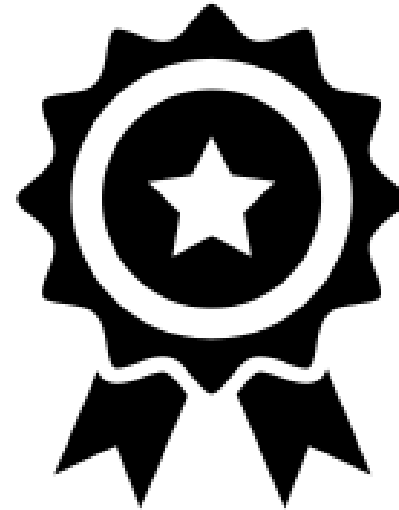
### Administrative data

- a) IMO FAL Forms: to be compliant with IMO FAL Convention



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### 3) Agree on robust standardization bodies

Accomplishments: selection for non-technical standards (are we talking about the same object)

#### Nautical data



- From the start assigned to set standards for nautical publications
- Being robust party for both shipping and ports; has 93 Member States

#### Operational data



- Time stamps serve both administrative and operational data, it is common sense to develop them under the same body and build on existing work

#### Administrative data



- From the start assigned to set standards for notifications and declarations
- Being robust party for both shipping and ports; has 174 Member States

### 3) Agree on robust standardization bodies

Accomplishments: selection for technical standards (API specifications, technical/business performance specs)

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#### Operational data



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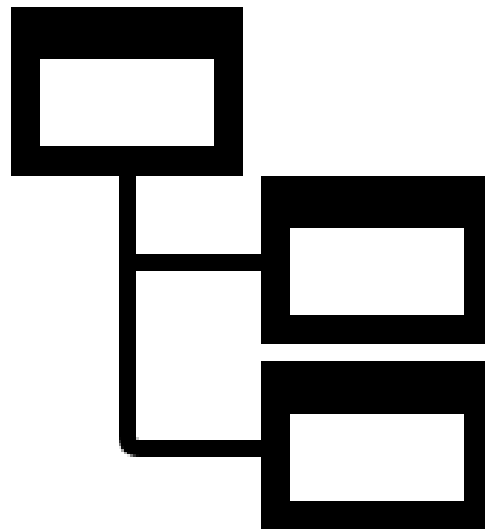
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- ISO 28005-2 is the data model for the FAL Convention, aligned with IMO Model

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## 4) Agree on non-technical standards (are we talking about the same object)

### Accomplishments

#### Nautical data

- Berth, berth position, berth types
- Berth pocket
- Maintained depths
- Static/Dynamic under keel clearance
- Static/Dynamic draught
- Breasting/mooring dolphins

#### Operational data

- Arrival/Departure times: defined in IMO Compendium
- Starting/completion times: defined in IMO Compendium

#### Administrative data

- Not in scope for ITPCO

Harmonization between IMO and IHO on data elements that have both geospatial and operational interest  
IHO and IALA already harmonize

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## 5) Agree on technical standards (API specifications, technical/business performance specs)

### Accomplishments

#### Nautical data

- Port depths and water levels: exchange with S-44 standards implemented
- Port infrastructure: exchange with S-57 tested, development of S-131 started
- Port information: development of S-131 started

#### Operational data

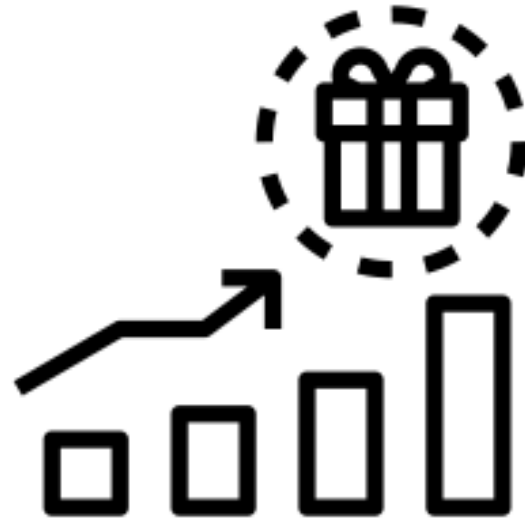
- Arrival / Departure times: development under ISO TC 8 started
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#### Administrative data

- IMO FAL Forms: development under ISO TC 8 started

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## 6) Develop incentives for data owners

### Accomplishments

#### Nautical data

- Submission of MS4 Port Support Services for nautical and operational data to IMO FAL 47

#### Operational data

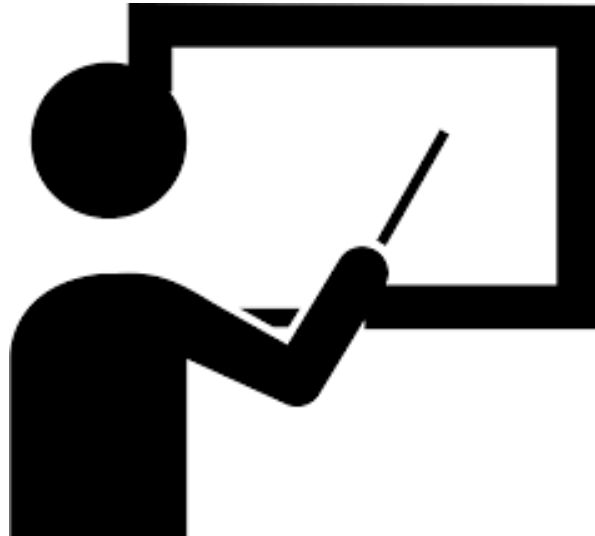
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#### Administrative data

- NA

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## 7) Develop guidance for data owners

### Accomplishments

#### Nautical data

- Guide for Nautical Data completed after IHO NIPWG December 2024 meeting

#### Operational data

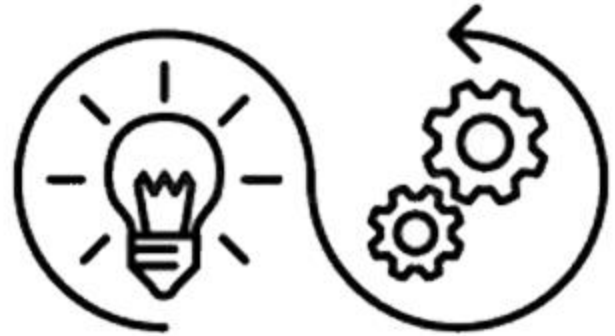
- Guide for Operational Data completed after IMO FAL 47 meeting

#### Administrative data

- Proposal to simplify current Manual and align with Guides for Nautical and Operational data

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## 8) Implementation

### Accomplishments

#### Nautical data

- Port depths and water levels in Rotterdam
- Terminal, Berth, Berth position in Rotterdam

#### Operational data

- Implementation in Tanger Med
- Implementation in Rotterdam with container terminals
- Implementation in Gothenburg with tank terminals

#### Administrative data

- Not in scope

Thank you for your attention

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