Safety and health in shipbuilding and ship repair

Revising and updating the ILO Code of Practice



Mandate

 The ILO Governing Body at its 329th Session in March 2017 decided that the ILO should convene a Meeting of Experts on Safety and Health in Shipbuilding and Ship Repair from 22 to 26 January 2018

Objective

 To review and adopt a revised ILO Code of Practice on safety and health in shipbuilding and ship repair



Codes of Practice

 Designed as a basis for prevention and protective measures and – in the area of OSH – considered as ILO technical standards

Purpose

- Provide practical guidance to all those responsible for OSH
- Improve management of OSH risks through OSH management systems
- Protect men and women in shipbuilding from workplace hazards
- Prevent or reduce work-related injuries and diseases
- Establish roles and responsibilities
- Promote effective consultation and cooperation

Recent examples

- Safety and health in opencast mining (2017)
- Safety and health in the use of machinery (2013)
- Safety and health in the iron and steel industry (2005)
- HIV/AIDS and the World of Work (2001)
- Ambient factors in the workplace (2001)



Rationale

- The old Code of Practice from 1973 is in many respects outdated
- Revised draft Code of Practice reflects the many changes in the industry, its workforce, the role of competent authorities, ship owners, employers, workers and their organizations
- Revised draft Code incorporates newer ILO OSH instruments:
 - OSH Convention (No. 155) and Recommendation (No. 164) from 1981
 - Chemicals Convention (No. 170) and Recommendation (No. 177) from 1990
 - Asbetos Convention (No. 162 and Recommendation (No. 172) from 1986
 - List of Occupational Diseases Recommendation (No 194) from 2002
 - Promotional Framework for OSH Convention (No. 187) and Recommendation (No. 197) from 2006

History

- 2012: Advisory Body recommended to include in the 2014-15 programme
- 2013: Governing Body adopted the recommendation
- 2013-14: Fact-finding missions:
 - 2013 Singapore, Japan
 - 2014 tentatively Korea, China, Brazil
- 2014-15: Drafting the Code
- 2016-17: Experts' meeting planned to take place
- 2018: Meeting approved and scheduled

Revised structure and contents

- Chapter 1: General provisions
- Chapter 2: General obligations, responsibilities, duties and rights
- Chapter 3: OSH management
- Chapter 4: Management of change
- Chapter 5: Reporting, recording and notification
- Chapter 6: Safety and health organization
- Chapter 7: General preventive and protective measures

Chapter 8: Operational planning

Revised structure and contents (cont'd)

- Chapter 9:
- Chapter 10:
- Chapter 11:
- Chapter 12:
- Chapter 13:
- Chapter 14:
- Chapter 15:
- Chapter 16:
- Chapter 17:
- Chapter 18:

- OSH requirements for most common hazardous tasks
- Hazardous substances
- Physical hazards
 - Ergonomic hazards
 - **Biological hazards**
 - Safety requirements for tools, machines, equipment
 - Competence and training
 - Personal protective equipment
 - Special protection
 - Welfare

New elements

- Obligations, responsibilities, duties and rights
- OSH management systems
- Management of change
- Specific hazards: asbestos, scaffolds, welding, ionizing radiation, lifting equipment
- Propulsion technology, modular fabrication and fabrication techniques
- HIV/AIDS at work

Sources

- International agreement or standards: IMO and ILO
- National legislation, regulation or guidance: Korea, UK, USA, Brazil
- Guidance and standards generated by individual companies or associations: Korea, UK and USA

Challenges and opportunities

- 50,000 words!
- Extremely comprehensive document
- Experts coming from different backgrounds and experiences
- National and company level legislation and guidance differs

- Agree on authoritative and modern guidance
- Ensure that history does not repeat itself in new locations
- Promote shipbuilding and repair practices that contributes to safe and decent work and sustainable development

Thank you!

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