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HSBI SIOFA Inspection Flag

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Abstract

This paper provides a summary of the feedbacks from SIOFA Contracting Parties on the consultation launched by the Secretariat about the High Sea Boarding procedures.

The 4th Compliance Committee reviewed the three working documents (SIOFA Inspection Flag, Identity Card for Observers, and HSBI questionnaire) drafted by the Secretariat during this intersessional period and postponed the discussion on the questionnaire and the inspector cards, but agreed with the proposed inspection flag.

This document is the proposal of the SIOFA inspection flag

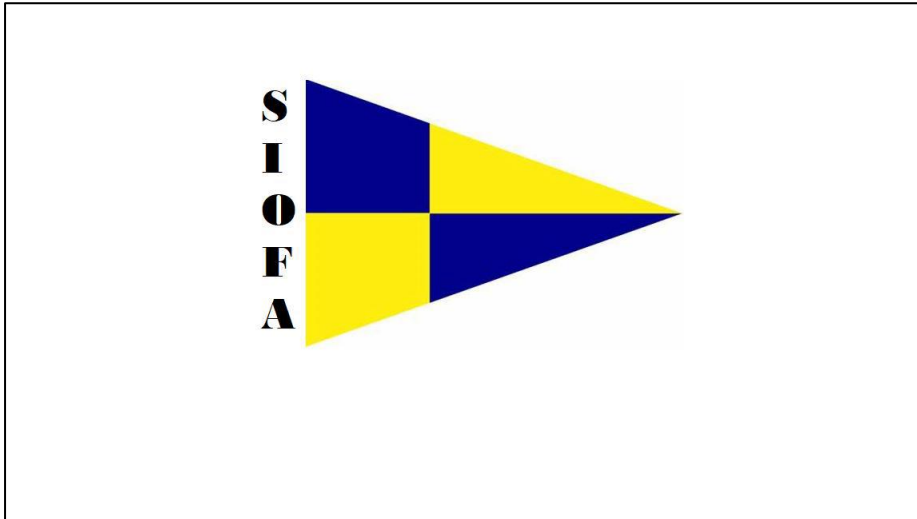
Recommendations

CC4 recommends MoP7 to agree on the proposed inspection flag.

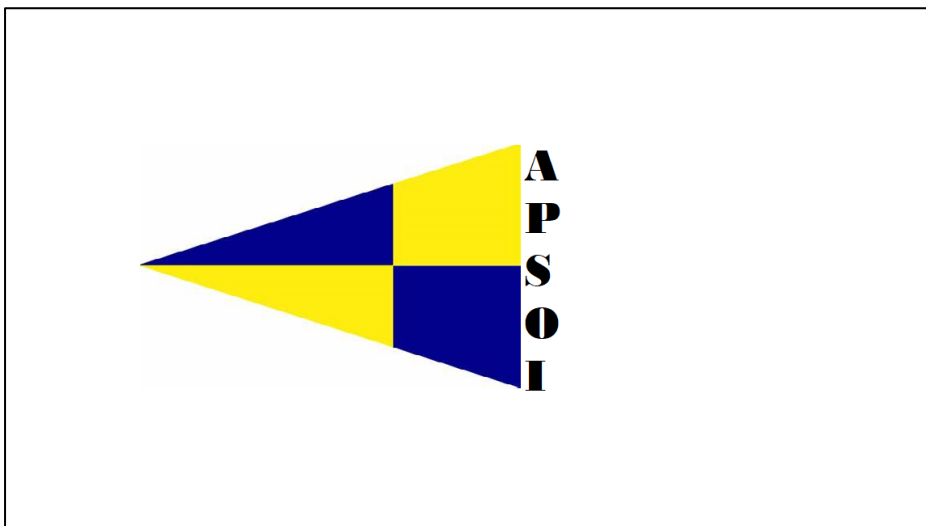
The SIOFA inspection flag circulated was the same than the one circulated by the data manager last year, only the SIOFA/APSOI mark was added on the edge. Everybody agreed with the proposed flag but contracting parties requested the inspection flag to be clearly visible and to have a proper flag size.

The Secretariat suggested the following dimension for the Boarding Pennant: 44 cm by 66 cm (height by length), which could be made of rigid material magnetized to be visibly displayed on the vessel.

STARBOARD SIDE



PORT SIDE



A CCP believes that the "APSOI" on the port side of the pennant may result in misunderstanding on the sea and suggests that only "SIOFA" is shown on the Boarding Pennant.

Furthermore, for this CCP in addition to the pennant, an "inspection flag" with dimensions of 94 cm by 213 cm (height by length) must also be displayed.

Please find attached a flag inspection proposal

