IMO: Glacial progress?
From the point of view of a national maritime regulator
Topics

• The importance of international standards for national maritime regulation
• The challenges this places on national regulators
• Current IMO issues of interest to New Zealand
• The Strategy for New Zealand’s Engagement in IMO, and how MLAANZ can contribute
International Maritime Organization (IMO)
International rules with teeth
Tacit acceptance

SOLAS 1974 Article VIII (vi)

“(2) An amendment to the Annex other than Chapter I shall be deemed to have been accepted:

[by a certain date] however, if within the specified period [a certain number of states] notify the Secretary-General of the Organization that they object to the amendment, it shall be deemed not to have been accepted.”
No more favourable treatment clauses

MARPOL: 5(4)

“With respect to the ships of non-Parties to the Convention, Parties shall apply the requirements of the present Convention as may be necessary to ensure that no more favourable treatment is given to such ships”
Current IMO issues:
Polar code
Current IMO issues: Torremolinos convention
Current IMO issues: Ballast water
Current IMO issues: Ships’ cranes
Current IMO issues: Container weighing
Current issues: Maritime Labour Convention
International Engagement Strategy

Goal 1

• Strengthen New Zealand’s ability to influence international maritime outcomes consistent with New Zealand’s interests
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Goal 2

• Comply with our international obligations: ensure full legal and operational implementation of international maritime conventions to which New Zealand is party
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Goal 3

• Ensure New Zealand benefits from international best practice and that government, industry and other stakeholders can take informed decisions on maritime issues
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Goal 4

• Safeguard New Zealand “brand” as a responsible maritime regulator and constructive participant in the international maritime system
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Goal 5

- Support Pacific engagement with IMO and compliance with international maritime conventions
Work streams

- Stakeholder holder plan
- Better process to ensure timely implementation of international obligations
- Improved cross government coordination
- Enhancing international partnerships obligations
Questions?

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