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DMA Arctic Policy

The mission of Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) is to promote health and clean seas and to effectively strengthen the competitiveness and employment in the maritime industries. In the Arctic where wind, weather and ice conditions are harsher than elsewhere, it is especially important to emphasize that maritime, navigational and environmental safety are pre-conditions for growth. As new business opportunities for people living in the Arctic arise, the DMA strives to ensure a sound balance between safety and growth.

Effective implementation and global enforcement of the Polar Code is paramount in order to create a level playing field for industry. In Greenland waters, international rules are supplemented by national rules regarding safe navigation. In the years to come, the DMA intends to continue the dialogue with stakeholders and the ongoing improvement of the regulatory framework for Arctic shipping.

The Arctic Shipping Best Practice Information Forum poses good opportunity for this. Among other things, the web portal can facilitate exchange of information and best practice between authorities to be used in revision of regulation.

Suggestions for information in web portal

- Legal texts implementing international regulation in Arctic states(e.g. MARPOL, SOLAS and STCW Conventions)
- Additional national regulation, preferably in English language, regarding e.g. training requirements and pilotage
- Mandatory ship reporting systems
- IMO guidelines
- Marine accidents
- SAR contact points

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