

Annotation to Agenda Item 4.3(b) AMSA I(D) Cruise Tourism within the U.S. Arctic

RECOMMENDATIONS

The USA recommends that:

- passenger ships, yachts and pleasure craft should operate in compliance with IMO Guidelines for Ships Operating in Polar Waters, Guidelines for Voyage Planning for Passenger Ships Operating in Remote Areas (<u>Resolution A.999(25)</u>), and Enhanced Contingency Planning Guidance for Passenger Ships Operating in Areas Remote from SAR Facilities (<u>MSC.1/Circ.1184</u>);
- To the extent possible, passenger ships, pleasure craft and yachts should remain in close communications with nearby ships and shore-based facilities. Where possible, they should also operate in close proximity to other ships for added safety in the event of an incident; and
- Whenever possible, passenger ships, yachts and pleasure craft should provide advance notification to local and native communities, if they plan to anchor near or disembark passengers to such communities.