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**RESPONSE TO THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY THE MASTER OF A VESSEL
NEEDING TO PUT SICK OR INJURED PERSONS ASHORE**

1 The Organization carried out a public consultation between May and November 2013, and the Ad Hoc Steering Group on Reducing Administrative Requirements (SG-RAR) prepared recommendations on how administrative burdens in mandatory IMO instruments could be alleviated.

2 Based on the assessment made, the Facilitation Committee, at its forty-first session (4 to 7 April 2017), approved the additional guidance on the *Response to the provision of information by the master of a vessel needing to put sick or injured persons ashore* referred to in Standard 2.21 of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended (FAL Convention), set out in the annex.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring the recommendation to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

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1 Section 2 H of the annex to the FAL Convention relates to special measures of facilitation of ships calling at ports in order to put ashore sick or injured crew members, passengers, persons rescued at sea or other persons for emergency medical treatment.

2 In this context, Standard 2.21 of the FAL Convention requires that Public authorities shall, by the fastest channels available, inform the master, before the arrival of the ship, of the documentation and the procedures necessary to put the sick or injured persons ashore expeditiously and to clear the ship without delay.

3 Where information on sick or injured persons is sought from the ship, and that information is of interest to a number of public authorities, those authorities are encouraged to share the relevant information amongst themselves, in order not to create an additional administrative burden to the ship through multiple reporting requirements.

4 Further guidance is given in the Explanatory Manual to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended (FAL.3/Circ.202 as may be amended).
