

Agenda Item 5d: System Management Pre Rule Change Discussion Paper- Notification of synchronisation and desynchronisation

On 27 November 2008 System Management submitted a pre-rule change discussion paper which recommended a change regarding the notification of synchronisation and desynchronisation. The paper has not yet been discussed at a MAC meeting.

System Management has requested that this rule change be considered under the Fast Track Rule Change Process, on the basis that the requirements of clause 2.5.9(a) are met:

The change is procedural in character, in that an existing obligation to notify System Management five minutes before synchronisation and de-synchronisation is intended to be amended to require a second notification only when a change to the previously advised time is likely. It is therefore submitted that this rule change be expedited.

The IMO is currently assessing this fast track request and will provide a verbal update at the MAC meeting.

Appendix 1: Pre rule change discussion paper