

governments' information on implementation of individual provisions of the annex to the convention; and considers facilitation aspects of forms and certificates emanating from other activities of the organization.

Representation and personnel

The Department of Transport has primary responsibility for representing Canada at IMCO meetings. At present one Canadian is employed in the IMCO Secretariat, as Director of Administration.

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As the nation with the world's longest coastline and as a major user of shipping, Canada has a vital interest in international seaborne trade, in the safety of life at sea, in the safe and efficient operation of ships in its waters and in the prevention of pollution of the marine environment. This interest is reflected in the participation in IMCO meetings and in the number of papers submitted for consideration by IMCO member states.

IMCO is of great value to Canada and the international community as the forum for co-ordination, direction and dissemination of world-wide research and development in marine matters.