

## European Maritime Safety Agency: further development

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In a note sent to the Delegations by the Commission, it is recalled that the purpose of the proposal is to amend the 2002 regulation that set up the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA). The purpose of the amendment is to clarify EMSA's role and to extend its tasks, in particular so as to include response to pollution from offshore oil operations, and not only from ships as under the current regulation.

Given the limited nature of the modifications proposed, the Commission hopes that a swift adoption of the proposal will be possible.