

Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries of the Kingdom of Norway and the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Singapore on Maritime Transport

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries of the Kingdom of Norway and the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter individually referred to as a “Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”),

RECOGNISING the importance and significant contribution of maritime transport and related industries to the social and economic development of the Participants’ respective countries;

CONSIDERING that the further development of a green and innovative maritime industry is a major factor in promoting environmentally friendly and sustainable shipping;

EMPHASISING that the relevant authorities and entities of each country should give priority to green transition and developing a greener maritime sector through policies and cooperation initiatives;

ACKNOWLEDGING the trade between the countries and their extensive maritime cooperation in, inter alia, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) and between the Norwegian Research Council and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore; and

DESIRING to establish a framework to manage cooperation initiatives between the Participants towards the development of an efficient, safe, secure and sustainable maritime transport industry,

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1: Objectives

The Participants confirm their intention to promote close cooperation and exchanges of information in the field of maritime transport and related industries.

Paragraph 2: Scope of Cooperation

The cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding will include the following:

- exchange of information on relevant domestic and international policies and regulations in the field of maritime transport and technology;
- discussions on issues related to market developments and government measures to promote the maritime transport industry;
- discussions on issues related to the decarbonisation and digitalisation of maritime transport, including navigation technology and the safe introduction of sustainable climate friendly fuels to enable green transition in the maritime sector;
- exploring collaborative opportunities for each country's relevant authorities, organisations and companies, especially in areas related to decarbonisation and green shipping, and digitalisation and autonomous shipping; and
- cooperation in maritime-related international organisations and initiatives, including the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) and the Co-operative Mechanism on Safety of Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

Paragraph 3: Manner of Cooperation

The cooperation between the Participants under this Memorandum of Understanding may take the following forms:

- annual bilateral meetings between the Participants and relevant authorities, with the possibility to include representatives from the industry as appropriate;
- exchange of views, as appropriate, related to bilateral issues and international meetings and processes; and
- the promotion of cooperative activities among government agencies, research institutes, companies and other relevant bodies of each country.

Paragraph 4: General Provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create any legally binding obligations between the Participants and will be carried out in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the Participants.


Any dispute regarding the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

Paragraph 5: Duration and modifications

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing by the Participants and shall be in effect for a term of three years unless the Participants mutually consent in writing to extend this Memorandum of Understanding for a further term of three years or such other period as may be mutually decided between the Participants.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified at any time with the mutual, written consent of the Participants.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Participant at any time by notification in writing six months prior to the date of the intended termination.

Signed in Norway, on 7 June 2023.

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