

# DOUBLE HULL TANKERS

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## EMSA High Level Panel of Experts

IACS participated in a high-level panel of experts on double-hull tankers organised by the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA).

The recommendations of this panel are intended to mitigate the consequences of hazards possibly encountered by double-hull tankers during their service life.

Recommendations deal with proper maintenance of the ship, corrosion protection, avoidance of fatigue cracks, harmonisation of construction standards and gas detection in spaces adjacent to the cargo tanks.

Implementation of some of these recommendations imply amendments to international regulations in IMO, which can be promoted by European Countries. EMSA has issued a report which can be downloaded from its website [www.emsa.eu.int](http://www.emsa.eu.int).