

ANNEX IX

Sharing of information and transparency

1. The common data reporting format for major hazard indicators shall make it possible to compare information from competent authorities and to compare information from individual operators and owners.
2. The information to be shared by the competent authority and operators and owners shall include information relating to:
 - (a) unintended release of oil, gas or other hazardous substances, whether or not ignited;
 - (b) loss of well control requiring actuation of well control equipment, or failure of a well barrier requiring its replacement or repair;
 - (c) failure of a safety and environmental critical element;
 - (d) significant loss of structural integrity, or loss of protection against the effects of fire or explosion, or loss of station keeping in relation to a mobile installation;
 - (e) vessels on collision course and actual vessel collisions with an offshore installation;
 - (f) helicopter accidents, on or near offshore installations;
 - (g) any fatal accident;
 - (h) any serious injuries to 5 or more persons in the same accident;
 - (i) any evacuation of personnel;
 - (j) a major environmental incident.
3. The annual reports to be submitted by Member States pursuant to Article 25 shall contain as a minimum the following information:
 - (a) the number, age and location of installations;
 - (b) the number and type of inspections and investigations carried out, any enforcement actions or convictions;
 - (c) incident data pursuant to the common reporting system required in Article 23;
 - (d) any major change in the offshore regulatory framework;
 - (e) the performance of offshore oil and gas operations in relation to prevention of major accidents and the limiting of consequences of major accidents that do occur.
4. The information referred to in point 2 shall consist of both factual information and analytical data regarding oil and gas operations, and shall be unambiguous. The information and data provided shall be such that the performance of individual operators and owners can be compared within the Member State and the performance of the industry as a whole can be compared between Member States.
5. The information collected and assembled referred to in point 2 shall enable Member States to provide advanced warning of potential deterioration of safety and environmentally critical barriers, and shall enable them to take preventive action. The information shall also demonstrate the overall effectiveness of measures and controls

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implemented by individual operators and owners, and industry as a whole, in particular to prevent major accidents and to minimise risks for the environment.

6. In order to meet the requirements of Article 24, a simplified format shall be developed to facilitate publication of relevant data pursuant to point 2 of this Annex and preparation of reports pursuant to Article 25 in a way that is easily accessible to the public and facilitates transboundary comparison of data.