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Dear Mr. Aichmalotidis,

The impact of the Reporting Formalities Directive 2010/65 (RFD) is of great concern to members of the PROTECT-group.

Most PROTECT-members are already for a long period of time engaged with electronic information exchange in seaports in their national and local (i.e. operational) implementation of reporting formalities.

This support to different National Administrations have been much appreciated, and has resulted in some effective and efficient implementation strategies.

In this respect, the PROTECT-group has planned a workshop on “good practice in information exchange in seaports” on February 19 in Rotterdam.

A workshop for the members, to further align views and practices in electronic information exchange between the shipping sector and port authorities and PCS’s.

An important part of the workshop will be a demonstration of the systems used by the various Harbour Masters to support their processes.

As chairman of the PROTECT-group, I would like to invite you for this workshop, in order to exchange views, and explore how the PROTECT-group can offer its experience to EMSA, and its support to the implementation of the RFD and the rationalization of the reporting formalities for all ports. If convenient to EMSA, the PROTECT-group is happy to participate in further developing the SafeSeaNet roadmap.

A preliminary agenda of this workshop is attached. Please let me know if you are able to participate, and if so, if there are specific issues you wish this workshop to address.

Best regards,

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PROTECT Chairman