



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

IMO Guidelines for the Development of a VOC Management Plan

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies

Summary

This Note draws attention to the “Guidelines for the development of a VOC Management Plan”. Regulation 15.6 of the revised MARPOL Annex VI requires a tanker carrying crude oil to have a VOC management plan approved by the Administration.

1. The IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 59th session in July 2009 adopted, by resolution MEPC.185(59), the “Guidelines for the development of a VOC Management Plan” for tankers carrying crude oil relating to regulation 15.6 of the revised MARPOL Annex VI. It will enter into force from **1 July 2010**.
2. On 22 July 2009, the IMO also issued Circular MEPC.1/Circ.680 to provide “Technical information on systems and operation to assist development of VOC management plans”.
3. The resolution MEPC.185(59) and MEPC.1/Circ.680 listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 above can be found as attachments to this Note on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
4. All parties concerned are advised to note the information provided in the Guidelines and the Circular, and take necessary actions to comply with the new requirement.

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