



香港商船公告  
HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

## List of National Operational Contact Points

To : *Ship Masters, Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Operators*

### *Summary*

This Notice replaces the previous Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1059 issued on 17 October 2008. It provides updated information on the List of National Operational Contact Points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances, including oil from ships to coastal States. The List should be included in the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) or the Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plan for Oil and/or Noxious Liquid Substances (SMPEP) for compliance with the relevant MARPOL Annex.

1. According to the Merchant Shipping (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations and Protocol I of the MARPOL 73/78 Convention, the master of a ship involved in an incident of actual or probable discharge of oil or harmful substances at sea is required to report the particulars of such incident without delay to the nearest coastal State.
2. It is also a requirement, under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations and Regulation 37 of MARPOL Annex I, as well as under the Merchant Shipping (Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations and Regulation 17 of MARPOL Annex II that the SOPEP and SMPEP respectively should contain a list of authorities or persons to be contacted in the event of a pollution incident involving oil or harmful substances.
3. IMO has issued a circular (MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.5) which provides an updated List of the National Operational Contact Points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances, including oil from ships to coastal States (the List). Ship masters should use the List when making reports on pollution incident to the coastal States. The List should be included in the SOPEP or SMPEP, as appropriate for the compliance of the relevant MARPOL Annex.

4. As the MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.5 circular is a bulky document, it is not issued as an annex to this Merchant Shipping Notice. However, the List is available as an attachment to this Merchant Shipping Notice on the web site of Marine Department. The List is also available on Internet in <http://www.imo.org> (select “Circulars/Contact Points” or “National Contacts”).
5. Ship masters should note that IMO Guidelines for the Development of the SOPEP and the SMPEP also advise ship masters to contact the nearest coastal radio station, the designated ship movement reporting station, or the rescue co-ordination centre (RCC) if any undue delay is experienced by the master in contacting the responsible authority.
6. This notice supersedes Merchant Shipping Notice No. 1059 issued on 17 October 2008.

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