



Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Shipbuilders and Classification Societies*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the MARPOL Annex VI amendments and guidelines adopted in MEPC 70.

1. The IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee adopted the Resolution MEPC.278(70) at its 70th session in October 2016 for amendments to Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention. A new Regulation 22A was added regarding the requirement of collection and reporting of ship's fuel oil consumption data. The amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2018 and apply to ships of 5,000 gross tonnages and above. The first cycle for fuel oil data collection and reporting will be in the calendar year of 2019. On or before 31 December 2018, the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan for ships of 5,000 gross tonnages and above shall include a description of the methodology that will be used to collect fuel oil consumption data.

2. MEPC 70 also adopted the following Resolutions / Circulars :

- Resolution MEPC.281(70) - Amendments to the 2014 Guidelines on the Method of Calculation of the Attained Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) for New Ships;
- Resolution MEPC.282(70) - 2016 Guidelines for the development of a SEEMP, which provides guidance on developing a ship-specific methodology for the collection and reporting of the ship fuel oil consumption data;
- MEPC.1/Circ.864 - Guidelines for on-board sampling for the verification of the sulphur content of the fuel oil used on board ships; and
- MEPC.1/Circ.865 - the Unified Interpretations of the NO_x Technical Code 2008 related to the approval of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Systems.

3. The details of the above resolutions and circulars can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachments to this Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters, ship builders and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the information provided in the documents and act accordingly.

5. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Senior Surveyor of the Maritime Policy Branch at telephone number 2852 4395 or by e-mail to “hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk”.

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