

Draft Amendment to MARPOL Annex VI

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems
Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

Reason for Amendment

At the 58th Session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC58) held in October 2008, Resolution MEPC.176(58) and Resolution MEPC.177(58) which amended MARPOL Annex VI and NO_x Technical Code were adopted. Based on these amendments, which will enter into force on 1 July 2010, increasingly tighter and tighter restrictions on the emission of Nitrogen oxides and the sulphur content of fuel oil will be phased in over time. These amendments also requires that a list of equipment containing ozone depleting substances, an ozone depleting substances record book and a VOC management plan (for crude oil tankers only) be provided on board ship.

Accordingly, relevant requirements related to air pollution prevention systems have been amended in accordance with Resolution MEPC.176(58) and MEPC.177(58).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Tier II and Tier III limitation of nitrogen oxides emission have been stipulated.
- (2) The limitation of fuel oil sulphur content has been amended in the regulation related to the emission of sulphur oxides.
- (3) The requirements regarding equipment containing ozone depleting substances have been amended.