

# **Handling of Sludge and Bilge Water in Machinery Spaces**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

## **Reason for Amendment**

MARPOL Annex I Reg. 12.2 stipulates that the sludge systems and bilge systems of machinery spaces are not to be interconnected in any way. However, MEPC.1/Circ.753, which is the unified interpretation for said regulation, specifies that common piping leading to standard discharge connections are exempted.

Since the interpretation of the interconnections between bilge systems and sludge systems connected to common piping was not clear, IACS developed an interpretation to clarify how the handling of such common piping and adopted it as IACS UI MPC99 in December 2011.

Accordingly, all relevant requirements have been amended in accordance with IACS UI MPC99.

## **Outline of Amendment**

It has been specified that the interconnection piping between bilge systems and sludge systems connected to common piping leading to standard discharge connections fitted with screw-down non-return valves are to comply with relative requirements .