

# **Oil Discharge Monitoring and Control System Transporting Bio-fuel Blends**

## **Amended Guidance**

Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

### **Reason for Amendment**

It was not clear that the Bio-fuel blends are classified as either oil or dangerous chemical substance. Thus, at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Session of IMO Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 62) in July 2011, it is approved as MEPC.1/Circ.761 that Bio-fuel blends which contains 75% or more of petroleum oil is classified as oil of Annex I of MARPOL convention.

In reference to that circular, IMO reviewed Resolution MEPC.108(49) which specifies performance standards for Oil Discharge Monitoring and Control Systems (ODM). And then, at the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of IMO Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 65) in May 2013, IMO adopted the requirement for ODM which is fitted on ships transporting Bio-fuel blends containing 75% or more of petroleum oil as Resolution MEPC240(65).

Therefore, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with Resolution MEPC.240(65).

### **Outline of Amendment**

It has been specified that if ships transport Bio-fuel blends which contain over 75% petroleum oil, such ships should refer to resolution MEPC.240(65).