

# **Use and Carriage of Heavy Oils in the Antarctic Area**

## **Amended Rules**

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

## **Reason for Amendment**

MARPOL Annex I specifies that the use and carriage of specific heavy oils are prohibited in the Antarctic Area. ClassNK has already incorporated this requirement into its Rules.

In response to a 2013 incident in which a fishing vessel carrying heavy fuel oil as ballast sank in the Antarctic Area, the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee agreed at its 67<sup>th</sup> Session (MEPC67) held in October 2014 to amend MARPOL Annex I so as to clarify that the prohibition of the carriage and use of heavy oils in the Antarctic Area includes the use of such oil as ballast. This amendment was adopted as IMO Resolution MEPC.256(67).

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended based upon MEPC.256(67).

## **Outline of Amendment**

Specifies that use of specific heavy oils as ballast was prohibited in the Antarctic Area.