

# **Unified Interpretations for Data Collection System**

## **Amended Rules and Guidance**

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

## **Reason for Amendment**

MARPOL Annex VI requires the collection and reporting of fuel oil consumption data for ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and above.

At the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC73) held on October 2018, an unified interpretation of Annex VI of MARPOL was approved to clarify requirements concerning the storage of data used for reporting and the treatment of consumed boil-off gas onboard such as liquefied gas bulk carriers, and subsequently circulated as MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.3.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.795/Rev.3.

## **Outline of Amendment**

The main details of the amendment are as follows:

- (1) Specified that the data used for reporting need not be stored on board as long as it is can be made available by the company (i.e. the shipowner or ship management company) as needed.
- (2) Specified that boil-off gas consumed for the propulsion or operation of ships is also subject to the collection and reporting of fuel as required by the IMO Data Collection System.

## **Amended Requirements**

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems  
Part 8: 3.5.2  
Guidance for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems  
Part 8: 3.5.1, 3.5.2