

Amendments to MARPOL Annex II

Amended Rules

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

Reasons for Amendment

An amendment to MARPOL Annex II was adopted as Resolution MEPC.315(74) at the 74th Session of the IMO Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC74) held in May 2019.

This amendment not only adds a definition for the term “persistent floater” but also specifies that tank washings including persistent floaters are to be discharged to reception facilities in accordance to the discharge standards in cases where tank washing takes place in certain designated sea areas such as North West European waters.

Accordingly, relevant requirements were amended based upon Resolution MEPC.315(74).

Outline of Amendment

- (1) Specified the definition of persistent floater.
- (2) Amended Appendix I “GUIDANCE FOR THE DISCHARGE OF NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES, ETC.”

Amended Requirements

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Part 4: 1.2.1, Table 4-1, Appendix I 1.2.2