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### **1. Oil Record Book - MARPOL Annex I**

According to MEPC.1/Circ.736 new guidance for the recording of operations in the oil record book have been implemented. Refer to the aforementioned circular for all details. The new guidelines shall be implemented by ship-owners, managers and Port State Control Officers. Furthermore, owners and ship managers are encourage following these guidelines for update version of the Oil Record Book.

### **2. Garbage – Wider Caribbean Region is Designated as a Special Area - MARPOL Annex V**

On May 01, 2011 the Wider Caribbean Region is designated as a special area for the disposal of garbage. Thus, all vessels operating in this area shall comply with Regulation 5/Paragraph (1)(h) of MARPOL 73/78

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Wider Caribbean region is designated as a special area under MARPOL 73/78, Annex V Regulation 5 which entered into force April 4, 1993. In this regulation the following areas are designated as special areas:

- I. Mediterranean Sear area;
- II. Baltic Sea area;
- III. Red Sea area;
- IV. The Gulfs area;
- V. North Sea area;
- VI. Antarctic Sea area; and
- VII. The Wider Caribbean Region, including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

According to Paragraph 5(h) of the same regulation the Wider Caribbean Region means the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea proper including the bays and seas therein and that portion of the Atlantic Ocean within the boundary constituted by the 30 o N parallel from Florida eastward to 77 o 30 ' W meridian, thence a rhumb line to the intersection of 20 o N parallel and 59 o W meridian, thence a rhumb line to the intersection of 7 o 20 ' N parallel and 50 o W meridian, thence a rhymb line drawn southwesterly to the eastern boundary of French Guiana (Please see Map attached on this Circular).

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The reason that this regulation has not be taken into force at the Wider Caribbean Region up until now is because the port reception facilities were not adequate and not all ports were provided with these.

## REQUIREMENTS

In Resolution MEPC.191(60) adopted on March 25, 2010 it is stated that the criteria regarding the provision of adequate reception facilities are now met by the Wider Caribbean Region and thus, the area can be designated as a Special Area.

Shipmasters shall have in mind that in Belize, Jamaica and Nicaragua may not have satisfactory reception facilities up until now. However, regional arrangements have been establish with the co-ordination of neighboring States.

## APPLICABILITY

This regulation is applicable to all vessels that operate in the Wider Caribbean Region.

## ACT NOW

The Owners and Managers of general cargo vessels and bulk carriers shall comply with MEPC.1/Circ.675 regarding the discharge of cargo hold washing water in the Wider Caribbean Region under MARPOL ANNEX V. This means that if the cargo hold washing water contains harmful substances, the water cannot be discharge when the vessel operates in this Special Area. Furthermore, operators shall have in mind that the port of call may not have sufficient reception facilities for a large volume of garbage. Hence, advance examination of the availability of each reception facilities is required (including Belize, Jamaica and Nicaragua).

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Resolution MEPC.191(60)  
MEPC.1/Circ.675

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### **3. Ozone Depleting Substances Record Book – MARPOL Annex VI**

#### **AMENDMENT**

MARPOL Annex VI includes regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships (i.e. control of emission from ships). Resolution MEPC.176(58) adopted October 10, 2008, includes amendments to Regulation 12 of ozone depleting substances which came into force from July 1, 2010. These amendments require each ship which has rechargeable systems that contain Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) to maintain an ODS Record Book. Furthermore, when these are removed from the ships, substances and their equipment shall be delivered to appropriate reception facilities.

#### **HOW AND WHEN THE ODS RECORD BOOK IS MAINTAINED**

According to the new Paragraph 7 of the revised Regulation 12, entries in the ODS Record Book shall be recorded in terms of mass (kg) of substance and shall be completed without delay on each occasion, in respect of the following:

- I. recharge, full or partial, of equipment containing ozone depleting substances;
- II. repair or maintenance of equipment containing ozone depleting substances;
- III. discharge of ozone depleting substances to the atmosphere:
  - Deliberate;
  - Non-deliberate;
- IV. discharge of ozone depleting substances to land-based reception facilities; and
- V. supply of ozone depleting substances to the ship.

The ODS Record Book may form part of an existing log-book or electronic recording system as approved by Administration.

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Any type of vessel that has been issued with an International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (Supplement) and its gross tonnage exceeds 400 above amendments apply. Nevertheless, these amendments are not applicable to permanently sealed equipment where there are not refrigerant charging connections or potentially removable components containing ozone depleting substances.

#### **ACT NOW**

Surveyors shall make sure that all vessels that fulfill above applicability maintain an ODS Record Book on board. As there is not a standard format of the ODS Record Book, any format can be accepted (that will contain all necessary information). Furthermore, as stated above the ODS Record Book can be supplement of an existing log-book or a separate file and it is not compulsory to be approved. For further assistance regarding the preparation or any of the stated amendments please contact Conarina.

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