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Subject:	Guidance for issuing type approval certificate for oil content meters
Reference:	MARPOL

MEPC 68 approved the Guidance for issuing a revised certificate of type approval for oil content meters intended for monitoring the discharge of oil-contaminated water from the cargo tank areas of oil tankers, prepared by the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response, at its second session.

The following guidance advises on the issuing of the revised certificate of type approval for oil content meters:

Guidance

- When the oil content meter (OCM) has been approved in accordance with resolution MEPC.108(49) before 17 May 2013, the Form of Type Approval Certificate (TAC), as provided in resolution MEPC.108(49), may be used:
 - for OCMs installed on ships not carrying biofuel blends; or
 - for OCMs installed on ships carrying biofuel blends, until 1 January 2016 (on the condition that the tank residues and washings are pumped ashore).
- For all ships carrying biofuel blends on or after 1 January 2016, the OCM should have a TAC, as modified by resolution MEPC.240 (65).
- When the OCM has been tested and submitted for approval (or re-approval in the case of OCMs that have undergone modifications but were originally approved in accordance with resolution MEPC.108(49)) on or after 17 May 2013, regardless of whether the OCM is intended for monitoring biofuel blends, the Form of the TAC should be amended in accordance with resolution MEPC.240(65)

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