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Electronic Record Books

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Concerning the acceptability of using electronic record books in lieu of paper record books, the Committee approved, with a view to adoption at MEPC 74 in May 2019, several draft amendments to MARPOL to permit the use and maintenance of the following record books in electronic format:

- MARPOL Annex I - Oil Record Book, parts I and II
- MARPOL Annex II - NLS Cargo Record Book • MARPOL Annex V - Garbage Record Book
- MARPOL Annex VI - Ozone-depleting substances record book; logbook for on/off status of marine diesel engines for NOx Code Tier Standards; and logbook for fuel oil change-over operation when entering the ECA

While the current schedule for adoption of these amendments will have them entering into force in January 2021, two issues must be clarified before the transition to electronic record books:

- 1) The need for related hardware to be type-approved; and
- 2) The acceptance of an ODS recording system which has not been approved.

Guidelines for the use of electronic record books under MARPOL have also been drafted, and this subject will be discussed further at MEPC 74.

REFERENCES:

- IMO, MEPC 74 in May 2019

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