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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	<b>Bilge Water Treatment System and Oil Record Book</b>
Reference	MARPOL Annex I

**Integrated Bilge Water Treatment System (IBTS) Guidelines and Amendments to IOPP Certificate and Oil Record Book**

The Committee considered an output from PPR 7 revising the *2008 Revised Guidelines for Systems for Handling Oily Wastes in Machinery Spaces of Ships Incorporating Guidance Notes for an Integrated Bilge Water Treatment System (IBTS)*. This revision (currently referenced as the *2020 IBTS Guidelines*) consolidates several amendments made to the previous guidelines and goes further to address definitions for “clean drains” and “bilge separation unit”, as well as addressing the use of forced evaporation for removing water in oil residues.

However, concerns remained regarding the use of forced evaporation as an approved means of disposal of oily bilge water. Some States questioned the technical basis for accepting this method, and others further recommended that this method should be prohibited under MARPOL Annex I.

This subject will be addressed again at PPR 10 (Apr-2023). Once this matter is finalized, related amendments to MARPOL Annex I appendix II (Form of the IOPP Certificate/Supplements) and appendix III (Form of the Oil Record Book) will be put forward to reflect the new 2020 IBTS Guidelines.

**Postponement of Agenda Items**

Due to reduced capacity of the IMO Building and limitations of the virtual meeting format utilized at this session, the Committee agreed to postpone consideration of several significant proposals and work items, including the following items below. Related submissions will be referred to MEPC 79 (Dec 2022).

- 1) Numerous submittals related to EEDI, including:
  - a. Amendments to the 2018 Guidelines on the Method of Calculation of Attained EEDI
  - b. Updates of the Shaft Power Limitation concept for EEDI
  - c. Introduction of EEDI Phase 4
  - d. EEDI application dates for Passenger Ships with non-conventional propulsion

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- 2) Several submittals concerning the use of biofuels and biofuel blends as fuel oil
- 3) Proposal for guidance for Administrations in case of use of a power reserve by un-limiting the shaft/engine power limitation
- 4) Proposal to include all greenhouse gases emitted from ships, including methane, in the EEDI
- 5) Application of the BWM Convention to specific ship types, to multipurpose salvage ships

REFERENCES:

- MARPOL Annex I

ATTACHMENTS: No

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