

RESOLUTION MEPC.256(67)

Adopted on 17 October 2014

**AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973**

Amendment to MARPOL Annex I

(Amendment to regulation 43)

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

NOTING article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 ("the 1973 Convention") and article VI of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 ("the 1978 Protocol") which together specify the amendment procedure of the 1978 Protocol and confer upon the appropriate body of the Organization the function of considering and adopting amendments to the 1973 Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol (MARPOL),

HAVING CONSIDERED proposed amendments to Annex I of MARPOL, concerning the carriage of heavy grade oil as ballast on ships operating in the Antarctic area,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex I of MARPOL, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2015 unless, prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments;

3 INVITES the Parties to note that, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the said amendments shall enter into force on 1 March 2016 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, for the purposes of article 16(2)(e) of the 1973 Convention, to transmit to all Parties to MARPOL, certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex;

5 REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to transmit to the Members of the Organization which are not Parties to MARPOL copies of the present resolution and its annex.

ANNEX

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Annex I

Regulations for the prevention of pollution by oil

Chapter 9

Special requirements for the use or carriage of oils in the Antarctic area

Regulation 43

Special requirements for the use or carriage of oils in the Antarctic area

In the chapeau of paragraph 1, between the words "the carriage in bulk as cargo" and "or carriage", insert:

" , use as ballast,"