



Policy for the Implementation of Oil Filtering Equipment According to MARPOL Annex I

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Subj: INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR OIL FILTERING EQUIPMENT (ACCORDING TO MARPOL ANNEX I)

Ref: International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from ship (MARPOL), Regulations 14.3, 14.4, 14.6 & 14.7 of Annex I –Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Oil from ships.

1. Purpose

This policy letter provides interim guidance to ensure that, Myanmar vessels and other flag vessels in Myanmar water are equipped with oil filtering equipment, in compliance with MARPOL 73/ 78 and amendments to reference.

2. Action

Myanmar flag state Surveyors and recognized Surveyors shall use this interim guidance in the oversight of their respective Myanmar flag and foreign flag ships.

3. Directives Affected

April 21 2014.

4. Background

MARPOL ANNEX I, REGULATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY OIL FROM SHIP. On May 4, 1988, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was signed for the MARPOL Annex (1) & (2) and enters into force on August 4, 1988.

5. Enforcement

Myanmar flag state officers should verify a foreign flag ship’s compliance with MARPOL Annex – I during normally scheduled inspection. For Myanmar ships operating strictly on domestic routes, compliance should be verified by Myanmar Flag state Surveyors during

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normally scheduled inspections, but an educational outreach and awareness approach is encouraged. However, current enforcement options remain in place for willful and egregious violators or repeat offenders.

6. limitation :

Regulation 14 - Oil filtering equipment

- .1 Ships, such as hotel ships, storage vessels, etc., which are stationary except for non-cargo-carrying relocation voyages need not be provided with oil filtering equipment. Such ships shall be provided with a holding tank having a volume adequate, for the total retention on board of the oily bilge water. All oily bilge water shall be retained on board for subsequent discharge to reception facilities.
- .2 The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall ensure that ships of less than 400 gross tonnage are equipped to retain on board oil or oily mixtures or discharge into the sea in accordance with the following provisions:
 - (i) the ship is proceeding en route;
 - (ii) the ship has in operation equipment of a design approved by the Administration
 - (iii) the oily mixture does not originate from cargo pump-room bilges on oil tankers; and
 - (iv) the oily mixture, in case of oil tankers, is not mixed with oil cargo residues.
- .3 Oil filtering equipment shall be of a design approved by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and will ensure that any oily mixture discharged into the sea after passing through the system has an oil content not exceeding 15 ppm. In considering the design of such equipment, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar shall have regard to the specification recommended by the Organization:
- .4 Oil filtering equipment referred to in paragraph 2 of this regulation shall comply with paragraph 6 of this regulation. In addition, it shall be provided with alarm arrangements to indicate when this level cannot be maintained. The system shall also be provided with arrangements to ensure that any discharge of oily mixtures is automatically stopped when the oil content of the effluent exceeds 15 ppm. In considering the design of such equipment.