

UI MPC97 “Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Management Plan”

Part A. Revision History

Version no.	Approval date	Implementation date when applicable
NEW (July 2010)	22 July 2010	1 August 2010

- **NEW (July 2010)**

.1 Origin of Change:

- Suggestion by IACS member within review of the revised MARPOL Annex VI as contained in resolution MEPC.176(58)

.2 Main Reason for Change:

Formalizes the clarification contained in MEPC 58/WP.9 as stated in paragraphs 15 and 16 on the scope of application of MARPOL Annex VI, regulations 15.6 and 15.7 concerning the VOC Management Plan.

.3 List of non-IACS Member classification societies contributing through the TC Forum and/or participating in IACS Working Group:

Nil

.4 History of Decisions Made:

- After initially receiving mixed views from Statutory Panel Members on the application of the VOC Management Plan to gas carriers based on a reading of MARPOL VI, regulations 15.6 and 15.7, the interpretation provide in MEPC 58/WP.9 concerning paragraphs 15 and 16 clarified the scope of application of MARPOL Annex VI, regulations 15.6 and 15.7 concerning the VOC Management Plan
- The Panel concluded that it would advantageous to reflect the decision contained in MEPC 58/WP.9, which was endorsed by the Committee (MPEC 58//23, paragraph 5.43) in a formal IACS Unified Interpretation.

.5 Other Resolutions Changes:

None.

.6 Dates:

Original Proposal: *9 June 2010 made by Statutory Panel*

Panel Approval: *16 July 2010*

GPG Approval: *22 July 2010 (Ref.: 10101bIGb)*

Part B. Technical Background

List of Technical Background (TB) documents for UI MPC97:

Annex 1. **TB for Original Resolution (July 2010)**

See separate TB document in Annex 1.



Technical Background for UI MPC97 NEW (July 2010)

1. Scope and objectives

This original version of the UI clarifies the scope of application of MARPOL Annex VI, regulations 15.6 and 15.7 concerning the VOC Management Plan to facilitate a uniform application to the ship types indicated in MARPOL Annex VI, regulations 15.6 and 15.7.

2. Engineering background for technical basis and rationale

N/A

3. Source/derivation of the proposed IACS Resolution

The source of the interpretation is contained in MEPC 58/WP.9 (paragraphs 15 and 16) as endorsed by the Committee in MPEC 58//23, paragraph 5.43.

4. Summary of Changes intended for the revised Resolution:

N/A

5. Points of discussions or possible discussions

Initially, there were mixed views from Statutory Panel Members on the application of the VOC Management Plan to gas carriers. However, a level of certainty was discovered in the conclusion of the WG as per MEPC 58/WP.9, paragraphs 15 and 16.

6. Attachments if any

None