

Notification on Entry into Force of Revised Annex I of MARPOL

To all the Companies concerned,

The Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, revised by IMO MEPC.117(52), will enter into force on 1 January 2007. The Amendments have totally modified the text of Annex I and introduced some new requirements. With the entry into force of the amendments, the following are to be implemented by existing ships:

I. Renewal of Oil Record Book (to be completed before 1 January 2007):

Part I (Machinery space operations, see Regulation 17 and Appendix III of Annex I. Operative paragraphs of Part I are modified.) and Part II (cargo/ballast operations, see Regulation 36. Only the Introduction of PART II is modified, with no change to operative paragraphs) of Oil Record Book are modified again, i.e. a new version of Oil Record Book is to be used on board upon formal entry into force of the amendments on 1 January 2007. Each Company is to contact the Administration as soon as possible for renewal of Oil Record Book (or page(s) thereof) to an appropriate form lest it be questioned by PSC after 1 January 2007.

II. Shore-based support to all oil tankers of 5,000 DWT or more for damage stability and residual structural strength calculation (to be completed before 1 January 2007):

A new paragraph 37.4 is added to Regulation 37 "Shipboard oil pollution emergency plan" as follows:

"All oil tankers of 5,000 tons deadweight or more shall have prompt access to computerized, shore-based damage stability and residual structural strength calculation programs."

This requirement is similar to that of USCG for emergency response plan of oil tankers. Taking into account that most Owners of oil tankers have signed with IACS members or qualified shore-based service providers an agreement on shore-based support with respect to providing damage stability and residual structural strength calculation to their ships heading for USA in an emergency, the following criteria for application of Regulation 37.4 after 1 January 2007 have been submitted by IACS to IMO and approved by IMO:

- a) Verification that an agreement exists onboard linking the ship with a shore-based service provider for relevant support to the ship;
- b) Acquisition of a statement from the shore-based service provider indicating that calculation capabilities as per the above-mentioned Regulation are available; and
- c) Verification that the master has means to contact the shore-based service provider at any time round the clock (communication between the ship and the service provider is to be well ensured lest this be questioned by PSC during an associated onboard exercise).

Relevant matters (e.g. collecting drawings, electronically modeling) are to be arranged as soon as possible for those Owners having yet to sign such an agreement with a qualified service provider and relevant documents are to be placed on board before 1 January 2007.

III. Issue of new forms of Certificate and supplements (to be issued in conjunction with the coming AS, IS or RS under Annex I of MARPOL):

In respect to the modified forms of IOPP Certificate and its supplements FORM A and FORM B in the amendments, CCS has prepared new forms of Certificate and supplements and these are to replace the existing ones in conjunction with the next renewal of AS, IS or RS under Annex I of MARPOL. (Attention is to be given to the fact that the revised Annex II of MARPOL will enter into force on 1 January 2007, see CCS Classification Notification No.80. Therefore, loading requirements are to be re-checked for ships intended for carrying noxious liquid cargo. Where noxious liquid substances are contained in cargoes for the carriage of which the ship is fit, the requirements of Annex II of MARPOL are to be complied with.)

CCS survey units will assist Owners and Companies in further understanding the requirements of MARPOL where necessary.

The above-mentioned are hereby notified!

Classed Ship in Service Department of CCS