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**GUIDANCE ON THE APPLICATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX IX OF
MARPOL ANNEX VI ON INCLUSION OF DATA ON TRANSPORT WORK AND
ENHANCED GRANULARITY IN THE IMO SHIP FUEL CONSUMPTION
DATABASE (IMO DCS) AS ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION MEPC.385(81)**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its eighty-second session (30 September to 4 October 2024), approved the *Guidance on the application of the amendments to appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI on inclusion of data on transport work and enhanced granularity in the IMO Ship Fuel Consumption Database (IMO DCS)* as adopted by resolution MEPC.385(81), as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments are invited to bring the annexed Guidance to the attention of masters, seafarers, shipowners, ship operators and other stakeholders concerned.

ANNEX

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The amended regulations 27.1 and 27.2 of MARPOL Annex VI read as follows:

"1 From calendar year 2019, each ship of 5,000 gross tonnage and above shall collect the data specified in appendix IX to this Annex, for that and each subsequent calendar year or portion thereof, as appropriate according to the methodology included in the SEEMP.

2 Except as provided for in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of this regulation, at the end of each calendar year, the ship shall aggregate the data collected in that calendar year or portion thereof, as appropriate."

Regulation 5.4.5 of MARPOL Annex VI reads as follows:

"5 The Administration shall ensure that for each ship to which regulation 27 applies, the SEEMP complies with regulation 26.2 of this Annex. This shall be done prior to collecting data under regulation 27 of this Annex in order to ensure the methodology and processes are in place prior to the beginning of the ship's first reporting period. Confirmation of compliance shall be provided to and retained on board the ship;"

Regulation 26.2 of MARPOL Annex VI reads as follows:

"2 In the case of a ship of 5,000 gross tonnage and above, the SEEMP shall include a description of the methodology that will be used to collect the data required by regulation 27.1 of this Annex and the processes that will be used to report the data to the ship's Administration."

Guidance on application

Within the scope of application of the amendments to appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI adopted by resolution MEPC.385(81) and aiming to maintain uniform data granularity throughout the collection and reporting process over a calendar year, the term "portion thereof" in regulations 27.1 and 27.2 of MARPOL Annex VI should be applied in such a way that all data portions for the same calendar year are to be collected and reported at the same level of granularity.

Prior to collecting data specified in appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI as amended by resolution MEPC.385(81), each ship to which regulation 27 applies should have their SEEMP revised to ensure compliance with regulation 26.2 of MARPOL Annex VI, taking into account the *2024 Guidelines for the development of a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP)* (resolution MEPC.395(82)).

In light of this, Administrations are invited to apply the amendments adopted by resolution MEPC.385(81) as follows:

For ships flying the flag of the Administration which implements the amendments early (1 January 2025):

- .1 the SEEMP should undergo revision and verification by the Administration, or its recognized organization, to incorporate a description of the methodology intended for collecting data with enhanced granularity before 1 January 2025 or the delivery date for ships delivered on or after 1 January 2025. Those planning to retrofit flow meters or other methodologies should complete these actions within the same time frame; and
- .2 data will be collected and reported with an enhanced level of granularity throughout the entire year of 2025 and beyond.

For ships flying the flag of the Administration which implements the amendments on the entry-into-force date (1 August 2025):

- .1 the SEEMP should undergo revision and verification by the Administration, or its recognized organization, to incorporate a description of the methodology intended for collecting data with enhanced granularity before 1 January 2026. Those planning to retrofit flow meters or employ other methodologies should complete these actions within the same time frame;
 - .2 data will be collected with the existing level of granularity throughout the entire year of 2025 and, therefore, the data reported at the beginning of 2026 will be based on this consistent level. Data will be collected and reported with the enhanced level of granularity from 1 January 2026 and beyond; and
 - .3 ships delivered on or after 1 August 2025 should collect data at the enhanced level of granularity from the date of delivery and the data reported at the beginning of 2026 will be based on appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI in the annex to resolution MEPC.385(81), as this provides consistent data collection and reporting for such ships on or after the entry-into-force date.
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