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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI



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**Merchant Shipping Notice 05 of 2024**

**Sub: Amendments to MARPOL Convention- Reg.**

Whereas, the Government of India has notified the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Oil from Ships) Rules, vide G.S.R. 329(E) dated 19 April 2010.

Whereas since the inception of above Rules, many amendments to MARPOL Annex I entered into force and the same implemented on Indian ships based on the definition of MARPOL in Section 356 (B) (e) of the MS Act, 1958 which defines MARPOL Convention as International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, including its Protocol of 1978, as amended from time to time in the manner specified therein.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended incorporates the Convention and is defined in Section 356 B 9 (e) as "International Convention for the prevention of pollution from ships, 1973, including its Protocol of 1978 as amended from time to time. Further, the mandatory Codes as indicated in the Convention and its amendments from time to time is in effect and applicable to the vessels.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, Part XI A, Section 356 A to 356 O to provides legislative provisions and powers for the implementation of various requirements under the MARPOL Convention on all Indian and foreign vessels.

Whereas, the Recognised organizations (RO) were notified vide notification dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, and as indicated, an agreement is entered into with each RO to carry out surveys and certification as per the Convention.

Noting that, IMO has issued various amendments to MARPOL time to time which is annexed to this order at "Annexure-I, Annexure -II, Annexure -III. As defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, such amendments to the convention are already in effect and applicable to Indian vessels.

Vide this MS Notice, the Directorate intends to issue guidance with respect to all the amendments which entered into force since the notification of M.S Prevention of Pollution by Oil from Ships in 2010.

The stakeholders are therefore required to be guided by this order and earlier order/circular/notices towards compliance with the provisions to give full effect to the "International Convention for the prevention of pollution from ships, 1973, including its Protocol of 1978"

This is issued with the approval of the Director-General of Shipping and comes into effect from the date of issue of this notice.



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To,

1. The Principal Officer/ Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai/Kolkata/ Chennai/ Kandla/Kochi.
2. The Surveyor-in-charge, Mercantile Marine Department, Goa/Jamnagar/Port Blair /Visakhapatnam /Tuticorin /Noida /Haldia/ Paradip /Mangalore.
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