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Subject : Amendments to Guidelines for the Development of Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for Oil and/or noxious liquid substances (Resolution MEPC.85(44))

(1) The revised MARPOL 73/78 Annex I & II have been adopted by Resolution MEPC.118(52) and is expected to enter into force on **1st January 2007**.

(2) The Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) through its Resolution MEPC.137(53) has adopted the amendments to the guidelines for the development of Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for oil and /or noxious liquid substances.

(3) All ship Owners/Masters/Ship Managers are therefore requested to apply the amendments to their Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans(SOPEP) and Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans (SMPEP), also take into cognizance the requirements of Regulation 37.4 of the revised Annex I to the MARPOL 73/78. The amendments are as follows:

1. *All references to 'Regulation 16 of Annex II' are replaced with 'regulation 17 of Annex II' in the relevant paragraphs.*
2. *All references to 'Regulation 26 of Annex I' are replaced with 'Regulation 37 of Annex I' in the relevant paragraphs.*
3. *The word 'dangerous' in paragraph 2.5.2.2.8 is replaced with the word 'hazardous'.*
4. *The reference to Resolution A.648(16) in footnote 2 is replaced by Resolution A.851(20), as amended, by Resolution MEPC.138(53).*

(4) Consequent to the compliance of the aforesaid amendments, Ship Owners/Ship Masters/Ship Managers shall confirm compliance and conformance by reviewing their SOPEP/SMPEP's to the Nautical Adviser to the Government of India in the Directorate General of Shipping.

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