

ANNEX 15

RESOLUTION MEPC.109(49)

Adopted on 18 July 2003

TRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

NOTING regulation 3(4) of Annex II to MARPOL 73/78, which describes the procedure for obtaining a provisional assessment of liquid substances carried in bulk which have not been categorized under paragraph (1) of this regulation,

NOTING ALSO that unified interpretations 2A.1 describes, in detail, the procedure to be carried out in order to obtain such a provisional assessment,

RECOGNIZING that for the Government of the State Party to MARPOL 73/78 shipping or producing the substance to be provisionally assessed needs to be able to contact the Government of the State in whose port the cargo will be received and the Government of the flag State involved in transporting the substance,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that such contact points are published by the Organization in MEPC.2 circulars, which are updated every year in December,

NOTING the difficulties experienced by some States in contacting other States which have not informed the Organization of their contact details to be included in the MEPC.2 circulars,

1. AGREES that those contact points which have not informed the Organization of their latest contact details should be deemed to have accepted the tripartite agreements whilst other contact points should still follow the Unified Interpretations 2A.1.4 and 2A.1.6 of regulation 3(4) of Annex II to MARPOL 73/78;
2. AGREES ALSO to review the application of this agreement at a future date.
