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**Amendments to MARPOL Annex I
(Mandatory carriage requirements for a stability instrument)**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

NOTING article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "1973 Convention") and article VI of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "1978 Protocol") which together specify the amendment procedure of the 1978 Protocol and confer upon the appropriate body of the Organization the function of considering and adopting amendments to the 1973 Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol (MARPOL),

HAVING CONSIDERED proposed amendments to Annex I of MARPOL, developed by the Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety, at its fifty-fifth session,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments to Annex I of MARPOL, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 July 2015 unless, prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments;
3. INVITES the Parties to note that, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the said amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 2016 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;
4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article 16(2)(e) of the 1973 Convention, to transmit to all Parties to MARPOL, certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex;
5. REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to transmit to the Members of the Organization which are not Parties to MARPOL, copies of the present resolution and its annex.

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AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEX I

Chapter 1 – General

Regulation 3 – Exemptions and waivers

- 1 A new paragraph 6 is inserted, as follows:

"6 The Administration may waive the requirements of regulation 28(6) for the following oil tankers if loaded in accordance with the conditions approved by the Administration taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization*:

- .1 oil tankers which are on a dedicated service, with a limited number of permutations of loading such that all anticipated conditions have been approved in the stability information provided to the master in accordance with regulation 28(5);
- .2 oil tankers where stability verification is made remotely by a means approved by the Administration;
- .3 oil tankers which are loaded within an approved range of loading conditions; or
- .4 oil tankers constructed before 1 January 2016 provided with approved limiting KG/GM curves covering all applicable intact and damage stability requirements.

* Refer to operational guidance provided in part 2 of the *Guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers* (MSC.1/Circ.1461)."

Chapter 4 – Requirements for the cargo area of oil tankers

Regulation 28 – Subdivision and damage stability

- 2 The existing paragraph 6 is renumbered as paragraph 7.

- 3 A new paragraph 6 is inserted, as follows:

"6 All oil tankers shall be fitted with a stability instrument, capable of verifying compliance with intact and damage stability requirements approved by the Administration having regard to the performance standards recommended by the Organization*:

- .1 oil tankers constructed before 1 January 2016 shall comply with this regulation at the first scheduled renewal survey of the ship after 1 January 2016 but not later than 1 January 2021;
- .2 notwithstanding the requirements of subparagraph .1 a stability instrument fitted on an oil tanker constructed before 1 January 2016 need not be replaced provided it is capable of verifying compliance with intact and damage stability, to the satisfaction of the Administration; and

- .3 for the purposes of control under regulation 11, the Administration shall issue a document of approval for the stability instrument.

*
 Refer to part B, chapter 4, of the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code), as amended; the *Guidelines for the Approval of Stability Instruments* (MSC.1/Circ.1229), annex, section 4, as amended; and the technical standards defined in part 1 of the *Guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers* (MSC.1/Circ.1461)."

Appendix II – Form of IOPP Certificate and Supplements, Form B

4 The following new paragraphs 5.7.5 and 5.7.6 are inserted:

"5.7.5 The ship is provided with an Approved Stability Instrument in accordance with regulation 28(6)..... ☐

5.7.6 The requirements of regulation 28(6) are waived in respect of the ship in accordance with regulation 3.6. Stability is verified by the following means:

.1 loading only to approved conditions defined in the stability information provided to the master in accordance with regulation 28(5)..... ☐

.2 verification is made remotely by a means approved by the Administration:..... ☐

.3 loading within an approved range of loading conditions defined in the stability information provided to the master in accordance with regulation 28(5)..... ☐

.4 loading in accordance with approved limiting KG/GM curves covering all applicable intact and damage stability requirements defined in the stability information provided to the master in accordance with regulation 28(5) ☐

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