

ANNEX 13

RESOLUTION MEPC 23(22)
Adopted on 5 December 1985

APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX II OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973
AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO ON THE
DISCHARGE OF NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN THE
BALTIC SEA AREA

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

NOTING the provisions of Annex II to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78) designating the Baltic Sea Area as a "special area", i.e. a sea area where for recognized technical reasons in relation to its oceanographical and ecological condition and to the particular character of its traffic the adoption of special mandatory methods for the prevention of sea pollution by noxious liquid substances in bulk is required,

NOTING ALSO the provisions of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 concerning the discharge of noxious liquid substances and the provision of reception facilities in the Baltic Sea Area, as well as the amendments to Annex II adopted by the Committee at its twenty-second session,

TAKING NOTE of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974 (Helsinki Convention) which Convention entered into force on 3 May 1980 and in its Annex IV contains in substance the same provisions concerning the discharge of noxious liquid substances and the provision of reception facilities as Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, including the amendments adopted by the Committee at its twenty-second session,

NOTING FURTHER that the provisions of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention relating to noxious liquid substances carried in bulk will become effective

for all Parties to that Convention - Denmark, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Polish People's Republic, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - on 1 January 1986, which inter alia means that adequate reception facilities according to that Convention will be available by that date within the Baltic Sea Area,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT resolution MEPC.6(XIV) concerning the discharge of oil in the Baltic Sea Area and resolution MEPC.9(17) concerning the discharge of garbage in the Baltic Sea Area,

RECOGNIZING the importance, for the protection of the vulnerable marine environment of the Baltic Sea Area, of the aforementioned provisions on the discharge of noxious liquid substances being applied in the Baltic Sea Area, not only by ships flying the flag of Parties to the Helsinki Convention, but also by ships flying the flag of other States,

HAVING CONSIDERED a request for a Recommendation in this respect by the Parties to the Helsinki Convention,

RECOMMENDS that Government of States, which are not Parties to the Helsinki Convention, urge ships flying their flag to as far as practicable apply, as from 1 January 1986, the provisions of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 concerning the discharge of noxious liquid substances when operating in the Baltic Sea Area, including the amendments to Annex II adopted by the Committee at its twenty-second session.
