

ANNEX 7

Resolution MEPC.10(18)  
adopted on 25 March 1983

APPLICATION SCHEME FOR OIL DISCHARGE  
MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 39 of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING that Regulation 15(3)(a) of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), specifies that an oil discharge monitoring and control system, approved by the Administration, shall be fitted on oil tankers of 150 gross tonnage and above,

RECALLING resolution A.393(X) by which the Assembly adopted the Recommendation on International Performance and Test Specifications for Oily-Water Separating Equipment and Oil Content Meters,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.496(XII) by which the Assembly invited Governments to implement Guidelines and Specifications when approving oil discharge monitoring and control systems under Regulation 15(3) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78,

RECALLING FURTHER that by resolution MEPC.4(XIII) existing oil content meters which have been approved under the terms of resolution A.393(X) will remain acceptable as long as they conform to the original performance requirements,

NOTING that the Committee at its eighteenth session concluded that existing monitoring and control systems approved under the terms of resolution A.393(X) may not always perform functions as envisaged in Regulation 15(3) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 and that further time is required to permit improvement of equipment for full compliance with that Regulation,

NOTING FURTHER that the installation of equipment which does not fully meet operational requirements may not contribute to achieving the goals of the Convention,

RECOGNIZING that the provisions of paragraph 3.2 of resolution A.496(XII) concerning the installation at the first shipyard visit after the entry into force of MARPOL 73/78 of oil discharge monitoring and control systems on existing oil tankers operating with a tank cleaning procedure using crude oil washing in accordance with Regulation 13(8) might create considerable difficulties,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the postponement of the installation requirements for existing oil tankers for a limited period is likely to enable these tankers to be equipped with more reliable and accurate systems,

1 RESOLVES that oil discharge monitoring and control systems as required by Regulation 15(3) of Annex I to MARPOL 73/78 should be installed at dates not later than those specified below:

- .1 Existing oil tankers as defined in Regulation 1(7), including tankers operating with a tank cleaning procedure using crude oil washing in accordance with Regulation 13(8), except those covered under sub-paragraph 1.2, shall be equipped with an oil discharge monitoring and control system not later than 2 October 1986;
- .2 Existing oil tankers, as defined in Regulation 1(7), operating with dedicated clean ballast tanks for compliance with Regulation 13A, shall be equipped with an oil content meter not later than the first scheduled shipyard visit after 2 October 1983. A complete oil discharge monitoring and control system shall be installed not later than 2 October 1986;
- .3 New oil tankers, as defined in Regulation 1(6), shall be equipped with an oil discharge monitoring and control system by 2 October 1983.
- .4 In applying the requirements under .3 above for new oil tankers delivered before 2 October 1983, the Administration may accept a delay in the installation of the monitoring and control system for a period not exceeding twelve months, provided that all the following conditions are satisfied:
  - .4.1 a purchase order has been placed for the equipment;

.4.2 the delay is necessitated for valid technical reasons such as the need to co-ordinate the installation with a shipyard visit or the delivery time for suitable equipment for full compliance with resolution A.496(XII); and

.4.3 the IOPP certificate issued to the ship is endorsed accordingly and ceases to be valid if the installation is not carried out by the stated date or by 2 October 1984, whichever occurs earlier,

2 RECOMMENDS that shipowners should be encouraged to install oil discharge monitoring and control systems in existing oil tankers before 2 October 1986 and to take advantage of shipyard visit opportunities during the preceding time period in order to facilitate the installation of well engineered systems;

3 RESOLVES FURTHER to develop as soon as possible:

.1 means of improving the performance of oil discharge monitoring and control systems; and

.2 interim measures in cases of equipment deficiencies;

4 INVITES the Assembly at its thirteenth session to endorse the above-mentioned actions taken by the Committee.

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