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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CARRIAGE OF GAS TO LIQUIDS OILS

1 The Sub-Committee on Bulk Liquids and Gases, at its twelfth session (4 to 8 February 2008), noted that Gas to Liquids (GTL) oils are derived from petroleum natural gas using a refining process and are considered analogous to their conventional crude oil derived counterparts, which are regulated under MARPOL Annex I. The supply chain infrastructure, such as pipelines, terminals, and storage facilities ashore, is common with that of conventionally manufactured oils.

2 In recognition that GTL oils are currently being transported under MARPOL Annex I and that they meet all operational requirements, BLG 12 confirmed that the marine transport of petroleum gas derived Gas to Liquids (GTL) oils (naphtha, kerosene, diesel and lubricating base oils) should be handled in accordance with the requirements of MARPOL Annex I.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned, including port State control officers.
