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RESOLUTION LDC.34(11)

GUIDELINES FOR THE SURVEILLANCE OF CLEANING OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT AT SEA ON BOARD INCINERATION VESSELS

THE ELEVENTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING,

RECALLING Article I of the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, which provides that Contracting Parties shall individually and collectively promote the effective control of all sources of pollution in the marine environment,

RECALLING FURTHER that Regulations for the Control of Incineration of Wastes and Other Matter had been adopted at its Third Meeting as set forth in an Addendum to Annex I to the Convention and that this constitutes an integral part of that Annex,

RECOGNIZING that in issuing permits for incineration at sea Contracting Parties shall take full account of Technical Guidelines on the Control of Incineration of Wastes and Other Matter at Sea,

BEING AWARE that cleaning operations of incineration systems and of tanks of incineration vessels may have to take place at sea,

RECOGNIZING that the Technical Guidelines on the Control of Incineration of Wastes and Other Matter at Sea provide that:

- tanks washings and pump room bilges contaminated with wastes should be incinerated at sea in accordance with the Regulations for the Control of Incineration of Wastes and Other Matter at Sea and with the Technical Guidelines, or discharged to port facilities; and that

- residues remaining in the incinerator should not be dumped at sea except in accordance with the provisions of the Convention,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization concluded that Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 applies to tank cleaning operations conducted on board incinerator ships and that it adopted interpretations to clarify the requirements for the specialized operations of incinerator ships and to reduce duplication of requirements,

NOTING that there should be consistency on surveillance procedures developed under the London Dumping Convention and MARPOL 73/78,

NOTING FURTHER that, in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 1 of the London Dumping convention, each Contracting Party shall apply the measures required to implement that Convention to all vessels registered in its territory or flying its flag, or loading in its territory or territorial seas matter which is to be dumped,

1 ADOPTS the guidelines on the surveillance of cleaning operations carried out at sea on board incineration vessels as described in the Annex to the present resolution,

2 RESOLVES that Contracting Parties should take full account of the guidelines on the surveillance of cleaning operations carried out at sea on board incineration vessels.

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A Contracting Party to the London Dumping Convention should, when issuing permits for incineration at sea pursuant to Article VI(2) of the London Dumping Convention ensure that the following conditions for surveillance of tank cleaning operations are met:

1 Each permit should include specific provisions:

.1 requiring tank washings and pump-room bilges contaminated with wastes to be incinerated at sea or discharged to port facilities;

.2 concerning surveillance of tank cleaning and residue disposal operations and the location at which those operations are to be conducted;

.3 requiring the master of the incinerator ship, prior to its departure from the loading port, to inform the Contracting Party issuing the permit or performing the tank cleaning surveillance

- whether the tanks will be cleaned prior to arrival at the ship's next port of call, and

- of the intended means of residue disposal.

For consecutive voyages from the same loading port a single notification would be sufficient;

.4 requiring that the incinerator ship have on board procedures for conducting tank cleaning operations and residue disposal operations. Procedures for these operations included in an approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual required by Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 are acceptable for this condition;

.5 requiring that a surveyor approved by the Contracting Party be on board the ships

- to witness the tank cleaning and residue disposal operations; and

- to assure that those operations are completed according to procedures established by the Contracting Party such as those included in an approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual required by Annex II of MARPOL 73/78;

.6 requiring that a record of pertinent information respecting each operational procedure in cleaning tanks and disposing of the residue be made in an appropriate ship's record. Information to be recorded should indicate the ship has complied with the approved procedures for tank cleaning and should include data such as the date, time, type and quantity of waste, identity of tanks cleaned, equipment and solvents used for tank cleaning, duration of cleaning, name and location of reception facility, etc. Entries in the ship's Cargo Record Book required by Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 provide a satisfactory record to meet this requirement. The surveyor should sign the record and state that the tank cleaning and residue disposal operations were correctly and completely performed in compliance with the incineration permit and the procedures acceptable to the Contracting Party.

2 The Contracting Party should ensure that the terminal or port at which the liquid chemical wastes for incineration are loaded aboard the incinerator ship can provide reception facilities or shall ensure through written confirmation that adequate reception facilities are provided at another port which are adequate to receive residues of waste for incineration as will remain for disposal ashore. Since incinerator ship cargoes are generally

compatible, reception facilities will normally be required in connection with inspection of the cargo tanks or repair of the incinerator ship.

3 An appropriately qualified surveyor should be appointed, or otherwise approved, to witness the tank cleaning and residue disposal operation, and to ensure that those operations are completed according to procedures acceptable to the Contracting Party, which may be included in an approved Procedures and Arrangements Manual required by Annex II of MARPOL 73/78. The surveyor should prepare a report of the tank cleaning and residue disposal operations for submission by the Contracting Party to the Organization for circulation to all Contracting Parties to the London Dumping Convention.

All Contracting Parties should co-operate to ensure the incineration permit conditions and the surveillance guidelines herein are met. Co-operation may include providing specific assistance, as agreed upon between the concerned Contracting Parties, which may include arrangements to provide the surveyor for surveillance of the tank cleaning operations.

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