

**RESOLUTION A.625(15)**

*Adopted on 19 November 1987  
Agenda item 14*

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENTRY AND CLEARANCE  
OF MARINE POLLUTION RESPONSE RESOURCES  
DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

THE ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING Article 15(j) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Assembly in relation to regulations concerning the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.448(XI) and resolution A.587(14) concerning the development, as appropriate, of joint marine pollution contingency arrangements at a regional or subregional level, or on a bilateral basis, and concerning the need to address the problems of countries faced with the threat of major marine pollution from spillages of oil and other hazardous substances, respectively,

BEING AWARE of the problem of timely clearance of material and equipment needed to respond to a marine pollution incident; of the consequent need for Governments to make every effort to make appropriate arrangements to facilitate transfrontier movement of marine pollution response resources during emergency situations; and of MEPC/Circ.162 relating thereto,

NOTING THAT the Facilitation Committee at its seventeenth session adopted amendments to Standards 5.11 and 5.12 of the Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended,

NOTING ALSO the recommendations made by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions,

1. INVITES Contracting Parties to the above-mentioned Facilitation Convention to implement the amendments adopted at the seventeenth session of the Facilitation Committee annexed to the present resolution pending their entry into force;
2. URGES Member Governments to make every effort to establish prior arrangements to expedite the customs clearance and, where applicable, the temporary importation of all salvage related and pollution combating material and equipment and the rapid entry of technical personnel required to deal with a major marine pollution incident or threat thereof.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION  
OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965, AS AMENDED,  
RELATED TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENTRY AND CLEARANCE OF  
MARINE POLLUTION RESPONSE RESOURCES DURING EMERGENCY  
SITUATIONS, ADOPTED BY THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1987

Amend Section 5F to read:

“F EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

**5.11 Standard.** Public authorities shall facilitate the arrival and departure of ships engaged in disaster relief work, the combating or prevention of marine pollution, or other emergency operations necessary to ensure maritime safety, the safety of the population or the protection of the marine environment.

**5.12 Standard.** Public authorities shall, to the greatest extent possible, facilitate the entry and clearance of persons, cargo, material and equipment required to deal with situations described in Standard 5.11.”