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## **Survey and Certification Requirements for The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2008 - additional guidance**

**Notice to all Shipowners, Masters, Certifying Authorities, Operators of Fixed and Floating Platforms and Drilling Rigs**

*This guidance note should be read in conjunction with Marine Guidance Note 381 (M+F) Survey and Certification Requirements for The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2008*

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### **PLEASE NOTE:-**

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

### **Summary**

This Marine Guidance Note supplements MGN 381 (M+F) "Survey and Certification Requirements for The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2008" in that it provides a clarification of the term "important repair".

## **1. Introduction**

1.1 Section 1 of MGN 381 (M+F) "Survey and Certification Requirements for The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2008" provides guidance on the survey and certification requirements.

## **2. Clarification of the term "important repair"**

2.1 Section 1.1.(iii) of MGN 381 states:

"an additional survey after a repair resulting from an investigation following an accident to the ship or when a defect is discovered in a ship, either of which substantially affect the integrity of the ship or the efficiency or completeness of the equipment of the ship. An additional survey is also required after an important repair or renewal is made."

2.2 In cases of doubt as to whether a repair or renewal is important ship owners or masters are recommended to seek advice from the MCA. (However such advice from the MCA will not be a definitive ruling because that can only be given by an arbitrator or the courts).

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