
MARPOL - Amendments to MARPOL Annex I to add Chapter 9 - Special Requirements For the Use or Carriage of Oils in the Antarctic Area

Notice to all Shipowners, Shipmanagers, Shipbuilders, Shiprepairers, Certifying Authorities, Masters and Ships' Officers

This MIN expires 1 August 2012

Summary

This MIN advises that a new chapter 9 to MARPOL Annex I enters into force internationally on 1 August 2011.

1. Introduction/ Background

The purpose of this MIN is to advise that a new Chapter 9 to MARPOL Annex I – Special Requirements for the Use of Oils in the Antarctic Area will enter into force internationally on 1 August 2011. Antarctic area is defined in regulation 1.11.7 of Annex I of MARPOL.

On or after that date, the carriage in bulk as cargo or carriage and use as fuel of the following oils will be prohibited in the Antarctic area, as defined in Annex I, regulation 1.11.7.

1. crude oils having a density at 15°C higher than 900 kg/m³
2. oils, other than crude oils, having a density at 15°C higher than 900 kg/m³ or a kinematic viscosity at 50°C higher than 180 mm²/s; or
3. bitumen, tar and their emulsions

When prior operations have included the carriage or use of oils listed above, the cleaning or flushing of tanks or pipelines is not required.

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