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OVERVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL CONVENTION

Below table gives an overview of recent and future amendments to MARPOL Convention, from 1 January 2018 up to April 2020, taking into account that some requirements have already entered into force but are still under transitional period.

Table provides quick reference to adopted MEPC Resolutions, date of their entry into force with general description of the amendments.

Non-mandatory requirements, as well as requirements for which exact date of entry into force has not yet been assigned (having expected date of entry into force only), are not listed.

Amendment	Date of entry into force	Application	Short description of the Amendment
MEPC.305(73) Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Prohibition on the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship and other issues related to Reg. 14)	1 March 2020	all ships	Amendments to Reg. 14 of MARPOL Annex VI are related to: - Prohibiting the carriage of fuel oil with sulphur content above 0,5% if its purpose is for combustion for propulsion or operations on board, unless the ship has an approved equivalent arrangement - Amending the form of International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) Certificate to prohibit the carriage of non-compliant fuel
MEPC.280(70) Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Effective date of implementation of the fuel oil standard in regulation 14.1.3 of MARPOL Annex VI)	1 January 2020	all cargo and passengers ships	Amendments are stipulating that that the sulphur content of any fuel oil used on board ships shall not exceed 0.50% m/m on or after 1 January 2020 (outside ECA) Not applicable for ships with scrubbers
MEPC.203(62) Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Inclusion of regulations on energy efficiency for ships in MARPOL Annex VI)	1 January 2020	new ships of 400 gross tonnage and above	Phase 2 of EEDI will apply from 1 January 2020 to 31 Decembers 2024

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MEPC.301(72) Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Required EEDI for ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships)	1 September 2019	ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships (from phase 2 and after)	The parameters for determination of reference values for ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships updated
MEPC.274(69) Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV (Establishing of Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV (sewage) in the Baltic Sea)	1 June 2019	All passenger ships visiting Special Area: - new passenger ships from 1 June 2019; - existing passenger ships from 1 June 2021 (except for MEPC.275(69))	Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV (sewage) in the Baltic Sea established. In order to meet the requirements passenger ships must have holding tanks or sewage treatment unit meeting the requirements of resolution MEPC.227(64) – 2012 Guidelines on implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants
MEPC.286(71) Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Designation of the Baltic Sea and the North Sea Emission Control Areas for NO _x Tier III control and information to be included in the bunker delivery note)	1 January 2019	Ships constructed on or after 1 January 2021 if they are to visit Baltic Sea or the North Sea (including English Channel)	Amendments to Reg. 13 of MARPOL Annex VI give effect to the Baltic and North Sea NO _x Emission Control Area (ECA), i.e. new ships visiting this area will be required to have Tier III engines Amendments also introduce a new exemption paragraph allowing ships fitted with dual fuel engines to navigate without compliant fuel, or ships with only Tier II engines, if the ship is departing from the shipyard as newbuilding, or when visiting a shipyard for conversion, repair or maintenance Amendments to Appendix V of MARPOL Annex VI with regard to information to be included in the bunker delivery note introduced
MEPC.278(70) Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Data collection system for fuel oil consumption of ships)	1 March 2018	All new and existing ships of 5,000 GT and above engaged on international voyages	Amendments are requiring the mandatory collection of fuel oil consumption and transport work data from international ships which are 5,000 GT and above Requirements entered into force on 1 March 2018, with first reporting period required for 2019. Updated SEEMPs should have been approved until 31 December 2018

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MEPC.276(70) Amendments to MARPOL Annex I (Form B of the Supplement to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate)	1 March 2018	Oil tankers	The purpose of amendments is to remove obsolete sections from the Supplement, Form B, to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPP). Items referring to Dedicated Clean Ballast Tanks, which were applied to oil tankers delivered before 1982, were deleted and other sections renumbered The revised Form B does not apply to ships other than oil tankers with cargo tanks under regulation 2.2 of MARPOL Annex I to which a Form B is also issued. As no new requirements were added to the Form B, the IOPP and its Supplement remain valid until the first Renewal Survey performed on or after March 1 2018

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