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UNIFORM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1999 AMENDMENTS TO THE IOPP CERTIFICATE

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its forty-third session (28 June to 2 July 1999), adopted, by resolution MEPC.78 (43), amendments to Annexes I and II of MARPOL 73/78 including amendments to Form A and Form B of the Supplement to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPP Certificate) required under Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 (1999 amendments) which is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2001.

2 With a view to ensuring clear understanding of the matter and to promoting uniform implementation of the amendments to the IOPP Certificate, the Committee agreed that:

- .1 in principle, the Supplements to the IOPP Certificates, Form A or Form B as appropriate, on board ships when the 1999 amendments to MARPOL 73/78 enter into force may remain valid until they expire;
- .2 however, if the ship becomes subject to the provisions of the 1999 amendments to MARPOL 73/78 with respect to regulation 13G of Annex I before the expiry date of the IOPP Certificate, such ship should be surveyed and, after satisfactory completion of the survey, a new Supplement to the IOPP Certificate (Form B) under the 1999 amendments should be issued.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of the authorities issuing IOPP Certificates and/or exercising port State control.
