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ANNEX I OF MARPOL 73/78

Guidance for port State control officers on issues related to the Form of the Oil Record Book Part I

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its forty-ninth session (14 to 18 July 2003), noted that in accordance with the amendments to regulations 9(7) and 16(6) of MARPOL Annex I, which were adopted by resolution MEPC.51(32) and entered into force on 6 July 1993, the use of 100 ppm oily-water separating equipment on board ships is no longer permitted since 6 July 1998. As a consequence, three references to 100 ppm equipment were deleted from the Form of the Oil Record Book Part I in the Consolidated Edition 2002 of MARPOL 73/78, and the relevant items were renumbered accordingly.

2 The Committee further noted that this consequential editing in the 2002 Consolidated Edition of MARPOL 73/78 has created some unforeseen problems during port State control, as some Administrations and port State control Authorities are using the Form of the Oil Record Book Part I contained in the 2002 Consolidated Edition, while others are still using the Form contained in the 1997 Consolidated Edition, taking into account that the consequential editorial changes have not been specifically approved by the Committee.

3 The Committee therefore agreed that the Form of Oil Record Book Part I as contained in both the 1997 and 2002 Consolidated Editions of MARPOL 73/78 should be accepted for port State control purposes.

4 Member Governments are invited to bring this information to the attention of all concerned, especially port State control officers.