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**EXEMPTIONS GRANTED UNDER REGULATION 2(4) OF  
ANNEX I OF MARPOL 73/78**

**Communication from the Administration of Barbados**

In connection with an earlier communication received from the Administration of Barbados concerning exemptions granted under regulation 2(4) of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, circulated by MEPC/Circ.403, the attached statement by this Administration has been received and is circulated to the Parties to the Convention for their information and appropriate action, if any.

**STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF BARBADOS IN RELATION TO ITS  
LETTER DATED 2 JULY 2003, CIRCULATED BY MEPC/CIRC.403**

"Regulation 2(4)(a) of Annex I of MARPOL permits an Administration to grant an exemption from the requirements of Chapters II and III of that Annex to "Any hydrofoil, air-cushion vehicle and other new type of vessel (near surface, submarine craft, etc.) whose constructional features are such as to render the application of any of the provisions contained in Chapters II and III of Annex I of MARPOL relating to construction and equipment unreasonable or impracticable." Taking into account that "Bibby Goteberg" is a dumb barge utilized as a 'flotel' (a stationary floating accommodation unit) and has no capacity to generate or discharge any oil or oily wastes, or pollute by oil in the intact or damaged state and therefore does not require an oil pollution emergency plan, the exemption is granted with the proviso that the said vessel is operated in port on shore power and subject to Port Authority regulations. No Oil Pollution Emergency Plan is required on board.

The Administration has decided, on the above grounds, to grant exemptions from the requirements of Regulations 16 and 19 of Chapter II and Regulation 26 of Chapter IV of Annex I of MARPOL to qualifying flotels."

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