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CONDITION ASSESSMENT SCHEME FOR CATEGORY 1 OIL TANKERS

1 The Condition Assessment Scheme (CAS), as a mandatory requirement under regulation 13G of MARPOL Annex I, was adopted on 27 April 2001 by resolution MEPC.94(46). It was later amended, firstly by resolution MEPC.99(48), adopted on 11 October 2002, whereby the Model Survey Plan for CAS and the Mandatory Requirements for the Safe Conduct of CAS Surveys were incorporated, and secondly by resolution MEPC.112(50), adopted on 4 December 2003 as a consequence of amendments to regulation 13G and new regulation 13H of MARPOL Annex I in the wake of the **Prestige** incident.

2 MEPC 51 (29 March to 2 April 2004), in discussing CAS compliance for Category 1 tankers, agreed that Category 1 oil tankers that were due to complete CAS prior to 5 April 2005 under the current regulation 13G of MARPOL Annex I need not complete CAS, as such tankers would be phased out on 5 April 2005 upon entry into force on the same date of the revised regulation 13G of MARPOL Annex I adopted by resolution MEPC.111(50). MEPC 51 agreed to issue a circular to this effect (MEPC 51/22, paragraph 17.33).

3 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned, including port State control officers.
