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**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED REGULATION 13G  
AND REGULATION 13H OF MARPOL ANNEX I**

**Communication received from the Administration of Australia**

A communication has been received from the Administration of Australia concerning denial of entry into its ports or offshore terminals of certain oil tankers which may be permitted to continue operating under relevant provisions of the revised regulation 13G and regulation 13H of MARPOL Annex I. The said regulations will enter into force on 5 April 2005.

In accordance with the provisions of the revised regulation 13G(8)(b) and regulation 13H(8)(b), the above-mentioned communication, annexed hereto, is circulated to the Parties to the Convention for their information.



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Dear Mr Sainlos

I am writing to you regarding the revised Regulation 13G and the new Regulation 13H of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 adopted at the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee by Resolution MEPC.111(50).

I wish to advise that Australia will make use, as from:

- 1 January 2015 when necessary, of the provisions of paragraph 8(b)(i) of Regulation 13G of Annex I for the purpose of denying entry into its ports or offshore terminals of oil tankers which have been permitted, on the basis of the provisions of paragraph (5) of Regulation 13G to continue operating beyond the anniversary date of their delivery in 2015;
- 1 January of the relevant year specified in paragraph (4) of Regulation 13G of Annex I, when necessary, of the provisions of paragraph (8)(b)(ii) of Regulation 13G of Annex I for the purpose of denying entry into its ports or offshore terminals of oil tankers which have been permitted, on the basis of the provisions of paragraph (7) of Regulation 13G to continue operating beyond that date; and,
- 5 April 2005, when necessary, of the provisions of paragraph 8(b) of Regulation 13H of Annex I for the purpose of denying entry into its ports or offshore terminals to all oil tankers carrying heavy grade oil as cargo that have been permitted to continue operating under the exemptions provided for in paragraphs (5) or (6) of Regulation 13H; and, deny ship-to-ship transfers of heavy grade oil in areas under its jurisdiction except when this is necessary for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship or saving life at sea.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Prosser', is written over a horizontal line.

Gary Prosser  
General Manager  
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11 January 2005