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

**Communication received from the Administration of Hong Kong, China**

A communication has been received from the Marine Department of Hong Kong, China, providing further clarification as regards the policy of Hong Kong, China, for single hull tankers entering into its waters. In this respect, annex 2 to the communication by Hong Kong, China, circulated by means of MEPC/Circ.431, must be replaced by annex 2 to this communication.

At the request of Hong Kong, China, the above-mentioned communication, annexed hereto, is circulated to the Parties to the Convention for their information and appropriate action, if any.

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The Director  
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(Attn.: Mr. Jean-Claude Sainlos)

Dear Sir,

**Amendments to MARPOL Annex I - Single Hull Tankers**

Further to our letter to your Organization on 3 March 2005 (Ref.: MP/E 511/2(5)), we received some enquiries on the Annex 2 regarding our policy for single hull tankers entering into Hong Kong waters.

We therefore provide a revised Annex 2 to further clarify our policy. I enclosed this Annex 2 for your replacement of the original Annex 2. Thank you for your kind attention and regret any inconvenience we may have caused.

Should you have any query, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director of Marine

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Our Mission is to Promote Excellence in Marine Services

**Policy implementing the regulations 13G and 13H of MARPOL Annex I for single hull tankers to enter into Hong Kong waters**

<b>Regulation &amp; application</b>	<b>Extension allowed by MARPOL 73/78</b>	<b>Entitled to deny entry under Reg. 13G(8)(b) &amp; 13H(8)(b)</b>	<b>Deny entry into Hong Kong waters</b>
13G(5) for 5000 dwt and above, fitted with double bottom or double sides only, and carrying oil cargo except HGO (existing partial double hull tankers)	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13G(8)(b)(i)		From anniversary date in 2015	From anniversary date in 2015
13G(7) for 5000 dwt and above, single sided and carrying oil cargo except HGO	May extend until 2015 or 25 years after the delivery date, whichever is earlier.		
13G(8)(b)(ii)		According to phase-out dates stipulated in reg. 13G(4).	According to phase-out dates stipulated in reg. 13G(4). For operation beyond 2010, 20 years after delivery or anniversary date in 2015, whichever is earlier.
13H(5) for 5000 dwt and above, fitted with double bottom or double sides only, and carrying HGO as cargo (existing partial double hull tankers)	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13H(8)(b)		From 5 April 2005	From 5 April 2005
13H(6)(a) for 5000 dwt and above, single sided, and carrying crude oil higher than 900 kg/m <sup>3</sup> but below 945 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13H(8)(b)		From 5 April 2005	From 5 April 2005
13H(6)(b) for 600 dwt and above but less than 5000 dwt, single sided, and carrying HGO as cargo	May extend until 25 years after the delivery date.		
13H(8)(b)		From anniversary date in 2008	From anniversary date in 2008