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

Communication received from the Administration of Japan

A communication has been received from the Administration of Japan concerning the application of relevant provisions under MARPOL Annex I revised regulation 13G(5) and (7) and new regulation 13H(5) and (6).

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

ANNEX



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**COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION UNDER THR REVISED REGULATION
13G AND NEW REGULATION 13H OF MARPOL ANNEX I**

Dear Mr. Sainlos,

In accordance with regulations 13G (8) and 13H (8) of Annex I to MARPOL73/78,
I wish to inform you of the information on the Japanese implementation on
regulations 13G and 13H thereof as attached hereto.

Yours sincerely



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Implementation of Japan on regulations 13G and 13H of Annex I to MARPOL73/78

Japan hereby informs IMO of the implementation in Japan on regulations 13G and 13H in accordance with the provisions of 13G (8) (a) and (b) and 13H (8) (a) and (b).

1 Japanese flagged oil tankers

.1 In accordance with regulation 13G (5), a Japanese flagged oil tanker which complies with requirements in regulation 13G (5) will be allowed continued operation beyond the date specified in regulation 13G (4) until the anniversary of the date of delivery of the ship in 2015 or the date on which the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery, whichever is the earlier date.

.2 In accordance with regulation 13G (7), a Japanese flagged oil tanker which complies with requirements in regulation 13G (7) will be allowed continued operation beyond the date specified in regulation 13G (4) until the anniversary of the date of delivery of the ship in 2015 or the date on which the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery, whichever is the earlier date.

.3 In accordance with regulation 13H (5), a Japanese flagged oil tanker which complies with requirements in regulation 13H (5) will be allowed continued operation beyond the date specified in regulation 13H (4) until the anniversary of the date of delivery of the ship in 2015 or the date on which the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery, whichever is the earlier date.

.4 With respect to the application of regulation 13H (6) (a), A Japanese flagged oil tanker which complies with requirements in regulation 13H (6) (a) will not be allowed continued operation beyond the date specified in regulation 13H (4) (a).

.5 In accordance with regulation 13H (6) (b), a Japanese flagged oil tanker of 600 tons deadweight and above but less than 5,000 tons deadweight, carrying heavy grade oil as cargo fitted with only double bottoms or double sides will be allowed continued operation beyond the date specified in regulation 13H (4) (b) until the date on which the ship reaches 25 years after the date of its delivery.

2 Foreign flagged oil tankers

After the date specified below, an Order for Compliance with Technical Standards will be issued to a foreign flagged oil tanker operating in accordance with the provisions of regulation 13G (5), 13H (5), 13H (6) (a) or 13H (6) (b) in the ports or offshore terminals under the Japanese jurisdiction to request it to have double hull construction in accordance with the provisions of the Japanese Law relating to the Prevention of Marine Pollution and Maritime Disaster.

- .1 The anniversary of the date of delivery of the ship in 2015 with respect to a foreign oil tanker operating in accordance with the provisions of regulation 13G (5)**
 - .2 The anniversary of the date of delivery of the ship in 2015 with respect to a foreign oil tanker operating in accordance with the provisions of regulation 13H (5)**
 - .3 5 April 2005 with respect to a foreign oil tanker operating in accordance with the provisions of regulation 13H (6) (a)**
 - .4 The anniversary of the date of delivery of the ship in 2008 with respect to a foreign oil tanker neither fitted with double bottoms nor double sides operating in accordance with the provisions of regulation 13H (6) (b)**
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