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**Validity of the IOPP Certificate and Supplements issued under the current  
MARPOL Annex I after 1 January 2007**

The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its fifty-fourth session, noted that upon the expected entry into force of the revised MARPOL Annex I on 1 January 2007, the world's merchant fleet will still be carrying IOPP Certificates and supplements issued under the "old" or current MARPOL Annex I. A possible conflict may develop when port State control officers check the validity of IOPP Certificates issued under the "old" MARPOL Annex I after that date.

The Committee agreed that, unless the documentation is required to be re-issued as a consequence of a ship having to comply with any new requirements under the revised MARPOL Annex I, IOPP Certificates and supplements in effect at the time of entry into force of the revised MARPOL Annex I should be accepted, particularly by port State control officers, until the expiry date of the associated IOPP Certificate, at which time a new Supplement complying with the new requirements under the revised MARPOL Annex I would be issued for attachment to the renewed IOPP Certificate (MEPC 54/21, paragraph 6.14).

Member Governments and Parties to MARPOL 73/78 are invited to note the above and to bring this Circular to the attention of all parties concerned, in particular port State control officers under their jurisdiction.

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