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## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE CONDITION ASSESSMENT SCHEME (CAS) DATABASE**

The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its fifty-fourth session (20 to 24 March 2006), agreed that the IMO CAS database, as part of the IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) application, was the appropriate source for CAS-related information dissemination and that it would be desirable that information on valid Statements of Compliance be made available to the general public through GISIS (MEPC 54/21, paragraph 14.17).

The Committee, consequently, instructed the Secretariat to take necessary steps so that the information on valid Statements of Compliance stored in the IMO CAS database be made freely available to the public through the IMO GISIS system.

The Secretariat is pleased to announce that, as of 5 May 2006, information received from Governments on valid Statements of Compliance issued to oil tankers is now freely available at **<http://gisis.imo.org>**.

In addition, the Committee urged MARPOL Parties to fulfil their obligation under section 14 of CAS by providing information to IMO for dissemination through the IMO CAS database (MEPC 54/21, paragraph 14.18.2). In this respect it should be noted that, to this date, the CAS database holds information concerning 137 oil tankers.

It should also be noted that, in accordance with the terms of the Committee's decision, any other CAS information, such as that related to Statements of Compliance suspended, withdrawn or declined continues to be accessible by MARPOL Parties only.

Member Governments are invited to disseminate this information to interested parties including maritime authorities in charge of port State control duties.