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## **OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR OIL RESIDUES FROM THE CARGO AREAS OF OIL TANKERS**

The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its fifty-fifth session, having noted that regulation 38 of the revised MARPOL Annex I, on Reception facilities outside special areas, seemed to have omitted to mention the obligation to provide reception facilities in respect of oily residues from cargo areas of oil tankers, which, on the other hand, is mentioned in the current Annex I parallel regulation 12(2)(e) by referencing regulation 9, approved an amendment to paragraph 2.5 of regulation 38, with a view to adoption at its fifty-sixth session, as follows (added text **highlighted**):

*“all ports in respect of oily bilge waters and other residues that cannot be discharged in accordance with regulations 15 **and 34** of this Annex; and”*

The Committee, noticing that the above amendment, when adopted at MEPC 56 (July 2007), is not expected to enter into force before December 2008, agreed to issue the present Circular so that the amendment is brought to the attention of Member Governments, port authorities and industry pending its entry into force (MEPC 55/23, paragraph 6.29).