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IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS 20 AND 21 OF MARPOL ANNEX I

Summary of communications received from MARPOL Parties

1 Reference is made to MEPC/Circ.429, of 9 February 2005, on communication of information to the Organization in compliance with the requirements of regulations 13G and 13H of MARPOL Annex I (now regulations 20 and 21) concerning continued operation allowances or exemptions that may be granted by Administrations to oil tankers flying their flags; and on denial of entry into ports of other States to those oil tankers that have been granted those allowances or exemptions.

2 In accordance with the provisions of the mentioned regulations, the Secretariat has issued to date a total of 73 circulars disseminating information on the policies adopted by MARPOL Member States, as communicated to the Organization, which can be found, in numerical order, on the IMO website: www.imo.org, tab “MARINE ENVIRONMENT”, Right hand menu “Oil tankers – regulations 20/21 implementation”.

3 With a view to facilitating consultation of the information contained in the circulars, the Secretariat has prepared the table set out in annex 1 with a summary of the communications received from Member States concerning application of the said regulations. An “X” entered in a particular box indicates that the Member State concerned has taken action as authorized under the relevant regulation, either by allowing continued operation, or granting exemptions, to oil tankers flying its flag, or by making use of the entitlement to deny entry into its ports or terminal to foreign oil tankers operating under such allowances or exemptions. Whilst a dash “–” indicates that the Member State concerned has not reported any action taken, or has communicated that it does not intend to apply the provisions under the relevant regulation.

4 The information summarized in annex 1 has been prepared with utmost care by the Secretariat. However, in some cases, the policies implemented by Governments may be complex, establish exceptions which are difficult to summarize, or apply on a case-by-case basis. It is therefore strongly advised to refer to the texts of specific notifications, as set out in the circulars themselves. To facilitate this task, annex 2 provides an alphabetical list of those MARPOL Parties which have communicated information to IMO and the reference number, or numbers, of those MEPC circulars issued as a result. It should be noted, though, that there may be MARPOL Parties which have not notified IMO of their implementation policies and, therefore, the information provided in the annexes cannot be considered as exhaustive.

5 Member States which may wish to update the information provided in the past are invited to do so at their earliest convenience; and those which may spot any omission or incorrect information as shown in previous circulars, or as summarized in the annexes, are requested to inform the Secretariat for corrective action as appropriate.

ANNEX 1

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS

REGULATION	20.5	20.7	20.8.2.1	20.8.2.2	21.5	21.6.1	21.6.2	21.7	21.8.2
Member States									
Australia	–	–	X	X	–	–	–	–	X
Bahamas	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
Barbados	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
Chile	X	X	–	–	X	–	–	X	–
China	X	–	X	X	X ¹	–	–	–	X ¹
EU Member States	X ²	–	X	X	–	–	–	–	X
India	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
Japan	X ²	X	X ⁴	–	X ²	–	X ⁵	–	X ⁴
Liberia	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
Malaysia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	X	–
Marshall Islands	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
Mexico	X	–	X	X	–	–	–	–	X
New Zealand	–	–	X	X	–	–	–	–	X
Norway	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	X	–
Panama	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
Republic of Korea	–	–	–	–	X ⁶	X ⁶	–	–	X ⁷
Russian Federation	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	X	–
Singapore	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
Saint Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	X	–
United Kingdom (on behalf of Cayman Islands)	X	X	–	–	X	X	X	X	–
United States⁸	N/A	N/A	–	N/A	N/A	–	N/A	N/A	N/A
Viet Nam	–	–	–	–	–	–	X	–	–
Associate Member									
Hong Kong, China	X ²	X ³	X	X ³	–	–	–	–	X

- 1 – Until 20th anniversary
- 2 – Not later than 2015
- 3 – 2015 or age 20 whichever earlier
- 4 – As from anniversary date in 2015
- 5 – Until 2015 only if they have DB or DS

- 6 – Until 4 April 2006 or age 25, whichever earlier
- 7 – From 5 April 2006 or age 25, whichever earlier
- 8 – See MEPC/Circ.430

ANNEX 2

Member States	MEPC and MEPC.1 circulars
Australia	428, 650, 665
Bahamas	437, 583, 587, 592, 609, 613, 616, 658, 662
Barbados	451
Chile	558, 596
China	440
EU Member States	450, 459, 460, 461, 462, 464, 468, 476, 480, 492, 514, 527, 527.Rev.1, 537, 584, 586
India	442, 449, 453, 482, 485, 490, 494, 517, 528, 548
Japan	446
Liberia	445
Luxembourg	462
Malaysia	488, 521, 628
Marshall Islands	455.Rev.1
Mexico	443
New Zealand	558
Norway	616
Panama	454, 500, 526, 545, 573, 581, 616, 620, 626, 628, 632, 634, 647, 652, 656, 658, 668, 691
Republic of Korea	441
Russian Federation	668, 687, 694
Singapore	433
Saint Kitts and Nevis	519
United Kingdom (on behalf of Cayman Islands)	531
United States	430
Viet Nam	616
Associate Member	
Hong Kong, China	431, 435