

## CIRCULAR

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## GENERAL NOTES

This circular presents IMO mandatory instruments adopted on 68<sup>th</sup> session of Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 68) held at London from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

This circular gives only the list of mandatory instruments to be implemented, until full narrative report is completed.

*Note: Report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on its sixty-eight session (MEPC 68/21) with annexes (MEPC 68/21/Add. 1, MEPC 68/21/Add. 1, corr. 2) is available on CRS web site address:*

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## 1. IMO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS

## 1.1 Instrument: Polar Code, MARPOL 73/78, Annex I, Annex II, Annex IV, Annex V

Resolution: MEPC.264(68), MEPC.265(68)

Subject: MEPC 68 adopted the environment-related provisions contained in the Introduction and parts II-A and II-B of the new International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) by resolution MEPC.264(68). Associated amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V which will mandate compliance with the Polar Code were also adopted by the MEPC 68 under resolution MEPC.265(68).

These provisions are scheduled to enter into force on 1 January 2017. New ships constructed on/after 1 January 2017 will need to comply on their delivery. Existing ships, constructed before 1 January 2017, will need to comply with relevant requirements by the first intermediate or renewal survey of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate/Passenger Ship Safety Certificate, whichever comes first, after 1 January 2018.

In connection with the adoption of resolutions MEPC.264(68) and MEPC.265(68), the MEPC 68 approved a new circular (MEPC.1/Circ.856) on Guidance for issuing revised certificates, manuals and

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record books under Annexes I, II and V of MARPOL for compliance with the environment-related provisions of the Polar Code.

Applicable to: **Cargo ships of GT ≥ 500 and passenger ships operating in polar waters**

Due date of application: **01.01.2017**

To be included in: **To be decided**

Designated person: **To be decided**

- 1.2 Instrument: **MARPOL 73/78, Annex I**  
Resolution: **MEPC.266(68)**  
Subject: **MEPC 68 adopted resolution MEPC.266(68) which contains amendments to MARPOL Annex I, Regulation 12, addressing oil residue (sludge) arrangements. The regulation has been substantially restructured and simplified to incorporate existing unified interpretations relating to means of disposal, interconnections and tank cleaning arrangements.**  
**However, the revision no longer allows for existing arrangements where an oil residue (sludge) tank may have discharge connections to oily bilge water holding tank(s), tank top or oily water separators, as could be allowed under MEPC.1/Circ.753/Rev.1.**  
**Any modifications that may be required for ships constructed before 1 January 2017 with arrangements that are not compliant with the revised Regulation 12 requirements are to be completed not later than the first renewal survey carried out on or after 1 January 2017.**  
Applicable to: **New and Existing ships**  
Due date of application: **01.01.2017**  
To be included in: **Rules for technical supervision of sea-going ships, Part 22 – Pollution prevention**  
Designated person: **TS/VB**

## 2. LIST OF ADOPTED/APPROVED DOCUMENTS ON MEPC 68

Documents are available as stated in General notes.

### 2.1 List of resolutions

List of resolutions adopted at MEPC 68 will be developed in full narrative report.

### 2.2 List of circulars

List of circulars adopted at MEPC 68 will be developed in full narrative report.

## 3. ENCLOSURES

List of enclosures (MEPC Resolutions adopted at MEPC 68) will be developed in full narrative report.

## 4. OPERATIONALIZATION OF THIS CIRCULAR WITHIN CRS

### 4.1 Tr is responsible for:

Developing of full report from MEPC 68.

Updating Annex II and III of QW107 – Status of mandatory IMO instruments in CRS Rules.

In cooperation with TSEv to review amendments in item 1 and assess their inclusion in CRS Rules and/or other CRS QMS documents.

### 4.2 MB is responsible for:

Deciding on implementation of Polar Code.