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Amendments to MARPOL Convention

On 1 March 2018, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) introduced amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Convention, which has been ratified in Malaysia. The amendments are as follows:

- Amendments to **MARPOL Annex I** (IOPPC) that cover prevention of pollution by oil from operational measures and from accidental discharges. The amendments are to update Form B of the Supplement to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate in relation to segregated ballast tanks.
- Amendments to **MARPOL Annex V** (HME products) in relation to cargo residues of products that are hazardous to the marine environment (HME) and Form of Garbage Record Book. The amendments require a shipper to declare whether or not the cargo is classed as harmful to the marine environment. A new appendix sets out the criteria for the classification of solid bulk cargoes.
- Amendments to Chapter 4 of **MARPOL Annex VI** (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) to add a new Regulation 22A on the collection and reporting of ship fuel oil consumption data.

Under the new requirements, ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and above will have to collect consumption data for each type of fuel oil they use for transport work. In light of this amendment, new appendices have been included to cover information that need to be submitted to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database. Regulations have also been amended to cater for the new requirement, including those related to certificates, surveys and port state control.

The data collection system is intended to equip IMO with concrete data on fuel oil consumption, which should assist member states in making decisions about any further measures needed to enhance energy efficiency and address greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping.

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