

The Marine Environment Protection Committee adopted an amendment to MARPOL Annex VI on July 15, 2011 designating the U.S. Caribbean Emission Control Area. The IMO resolution adopting the amendment is being prepared for publication. The annex to this document contains the coordinates of the U.S. Caribbean ECA, as proposed by the United States, and is provided for information. Please refer to the official version in a forthcoming publication of the International Maritime Organization for the actual amendment text.



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**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY
INSTRUMENTS**

**Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI
(Amendments to regulations 13 and 14 and Appendix VII)**

Note by the Secretariat

SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document sets out the text of draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Amendments to regulations 13 and 14 and Appendix VII) which were circulated under cover of Circular letter No.3118 of 2 November 2010

Strategic direction: No related provisions

High-level action: No related provisions

Planned output: No related provisions

Action to be taken: Paragraph 4

Related documents: MEPC 61/24, MEPC 61/24/Corr.1 and Circular letter No.3118

Introduction

1 The Committee will recall that, at its sixty-first session (27 September to 1 October 2010), it considered and approved draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI with a view to adoption at MEPC 62 (MEPC 61/24, paragraphs 4.34 and 4.36 and annex 2).

2 The proposed amendments were circulated by the Secretary-General of the Organization, in accordance with article 16(2)(a) of the MARPOL Convention, under cover of Circular letter No.3118 of 2 November 2010.

3 The text of the proposed amendments as approved by the Committee, together with the draft MEPC resolution on their adoption, is attached at annex.

Action requested of the Committee

4 The Committee is invited to consider the draft amendments, annexed hereto, with a view to their adoption in accordance with article 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of the MARPOL Convention.

ANNEX

**RESOLUTION MEPC.[...](62)
Adopted on [15 July 2011]**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM
SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**(Amendments to regulations 13 and 14 and Appendix VII
of the revised MARPOL Annex VI)**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee) conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution,

NOTING article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "1973 Convention"), article VI of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "1978 Protocol") and article 4 of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (hereinafter referred to as the "1997 Protocol"), which together specify the amendment procedure of the 1997 Protocol and confer upon the appropriate body of the Organization the function of considering and adopting amendments to the 1973 Convention, as modified by the 1978 and 1997 Protocols,

NOTING ALSO that, by the 1997 Protocol, Annex VI entitled Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships was added to the 1973 Convention (hereinafter referred to as "Annex VI"),

NOTING FURTHER that the revised Annex VI was adopted by resolution MEPC.176(58) and entered into force on 1 July 2010,

HAVING CONSIDERED draft amendments to the revised Annex VI,

1. ADOPTS, in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, the amendments to Annex VI, the text of which is set out at annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on [1 June 2012], unless prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50 per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments;
3. INVITES the Parties to note that, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the said amendments shall enter into force on [1 December 2012] upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4. REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article 16(2)(e) of the 1973 Convention, to transmit to all Parties to the 1973 Convention, as modified by the 1978 and 1997 Protocols, certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex;

5. REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to transmit to the Members of the Organization which are not Parties to the 1973 Convention, as modified by the 1978 and 1997 Protocols, copies of the present resolution and its Annex.

ANNEX

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS 13 AND 14 AND APPENDIX VII
OF THE REVISED MARPOL ANNEX VI**

1 Paragraph 6 of regulation 13 is amended as follows:

- "6 For the purpose of this regulation, emission control areas shall be:
- .1 the North American area, which means the area described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex;
 - .2 the United States Caribbean* sea area, which means the area described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex; and
 - .3 any other sea area, including any port area, designated by the Organization in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in Appendix III to this Annex."

2 Paragraph 3 of regulation 14 is replaced by the following:

- "3 For the purpose of this regulation, emission control areas shall include:
- .1 the Baltic Sea area as defined in regulation 1.11.2 of Annex I and the North Sea as defined in regulation 5(a)(f) of Annex V;
 - .2 the North American area as described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex;
 - .3 the United States Caribbean sea area as described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII to this Annex; and
 - .4 any other sea area, including any port area, designated by the Organization in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in Appendix III to this Annex."

3 A new paragraph 8 is inserted in regulation 14 as follows; and existing paragraphs 8 to 10 of the regulation are renumbered as 9 to 11 accordingly:

"8 Prior to 1 January 2020, the sulphur content of fuel oil referred to in paragraph 4 of this regulation shall not apply to ships operating in the North American area [or the United States Caribbean sea area] as described by the coordinates provided in Appendix VII of this Annex, built on or before [*date of entry into force of the amendment*] that are powered by propulsion boilers that were not originally designed for continued operation on marine distillate fuel or natural gas."

* The term "U.S. Caribbean" includes only waters adjacent to the United States.

4 Appendix VII is amended as follows:

**"Appendix VII
Emission Control Areas
(regulation 13.6 and regulation 14.3)**

- .1 The boundaries of emission control areas designated under regulations 13.6 and 14.3, other than the Baltic Sea and the North Sea areas, are set forth in this appendix.
- .2 (Existing text for the North American area)
- .3 The United States Caribbean sea area includes:
- .1 the sea area located off the Atlantic and Caribbean coasts of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, enclosed by geodesic lines connecting the following coordinates:

POINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
1	17° 18' 37" N.	67° 32' 14" W.	28	18° 22' 22" N.	64° 38' 23" W.
2	19° 11' 14" N.	67° 26' 45" W.	29	18° 21' 57" N.	64° 40' 60" W.
3	19° 30' 28" N.	65° 16' 48" W.	30	18° 21' 51" N.	64° 40' 15" W.
4	19° 12' 25" N.	65° 6' 8" W.	31	18° 21' 22" N.	64° 38' 16" W.
5	18° 45' 13" N.	65° 0' 22" W.	32	18° 20' 39" N.	64° 38' 33" W.
6	18° 41' 14" N.	64° 59' 33" W.	33	18° 19' 15" N.	64° 38' 14" W.
7	18° 29' 22" N.	64° 53' 51" W.	34	18° 19' 7" N.	64° 38' 16" W.
8	18° 27' 35" N.	64° 53' 22" W.	35	18° 17' 23" N.	64° 39' 38" W.
9	18° 25' 21" N.	64° 52' 39" W.	36	18° 16' 43" N.	64° 39' 41" W.
10	18° 24' 30" N.	64° 52' 19" W.	37	18° 11' 33" N.	64° 38' 58" W.
11	18° 23' 51" N.	64° 51' 50" W.	38	18° 3' 2" N.	64° 38' 3" W.
12	18° 23' 42" N.	64° 51' 23" W.	39	18° 2' 56" N.	64° 29' 35" W.
13	18° 23' 36" N.	64° 50' 17" W.	40	18° 2' 51" N.	64° 27' 2" W.
14	18° 23' 48" N.	64° 49' 41" W.	41	18° 2' 30" N.	64° 21' 8" W.
15	18° 24' 11" N.	64° 49' 0" W.	42	18° 2' 31" N.	64° 20' 8" W.
16	18° 24' 28" N.	64° 47' 57" W.	43	18° 2' 3" N.	64° 15' 57" W.
17	18° 24' 18" N.	64° 47' 1" W.	44	18° 0' 12" N.	64° 2' 29" W.
18	18° 23' 13" N.	64° 46' 37" W.	45	17° 59' 58" N.	64° 1' 4" W.
19	18° 22' 37" N.	64° 45' 20" W.	46	17° 58' 47" N.	63° 57' 1" W.
20	18° 22' 39" N.	64° 44' 42" W.	47	17° 57' 51" N.	63° 53' 54" W.
21	18° 22' 42" N.	64° 44' 36" W.	48	17° 56' 38" N.	63° 53' 21" W.
22	18° 22' 37" N.	64° 44' 24" W.	49	17° 39' 40" N.	63° 54' 53" W.
23	18° 22' 39" N.	64° 43' 42" W.	50	17° 37' 8" N.	63° 55' 10" W.
24	18° 22' 30" N.	64° 43' 36" W.	51	17° 30' 21" N.	63° 55' 56" W.
25	18° 22' 25" N.	64° 42' 58" W.	52	17° 11' 36" N.	63° 57' 57" W.
26	18° 22' 26" N.	64° 42' 28" W.	53	17° 4' 60" N.	63° 58' 41" W.
27	18° 22' 15" N.	64° 42' 3" W.	54	16° 59' 49" N.	63° 59' 18" W.
			55	17° 18' 37" N.	67° 32' 14" W.

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