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Subject: GUIDANCE FOR THE RECORDING OF OPERATIONS IN THE OIL RECORD BOOK PART I – MACHINERY SPACE OPERATIONS (ALL SHIPS)

I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that following the latest amendments to MARPOL Annex I which were adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 59th session in June 2009 and which will enter into force on 1st January 2011, IMO has recently published MEPC.1/Circ.736 which provides "*Guidance for the Recording of Operations in the Oil Record Book Part I*". A copy of this IMO Circular is attached for easy reference.

The guidance provides explanations and examples for the proper application of the new and revised additions to the "Items to be recorded" in the Oil Record Book Part I from 1st January 2011. Please note that our Circular 36/2010 is also relevant.

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This Circular must be placed on board ships flying the Cyprus Flag.

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Attachment: **MEPC.1/Circ.736.** Guidance for the recording of operations in the Oil Record Book, Part I – Machinery Space Operations (all Ships)

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GUIDANCE FOR THE RECORDING OF OPERATIONS IN THE OIL RECORD BOOK PART I – MACHINERY SPACE OPERATIONS (ALL SHIPS)

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its sixty-first session, (27 September to 1 October 2010), approved the Guidance for recording of operations in the Oil Record Book Part I – Machinery space operations (all ships) (paragraph 7.38 of document MEPC 61/24), attached in the annex.

2 The Guidance is intended to facilitate compliance with MARPOL requirements on board ships by providing advice to crews on how to record the various operations in the Oil Record Book by using the correct codes and item numbers in order to ensure a more uniform port State control procedure.

3 Governments Parties to MARPOL are invited to encourage implementation of the above Guidance for use aboard ships flying their flags and to disseminate it among all stakeholders including ship operators, surveyors and port State control officers.

ANNEX

GUIDANCE FOR RECORDING OF OPERATIONS IN THE OIL RECORD BOOK PART I – MACHINERY SPACE OPERATIONS (ALL SHIPS)

General Guidance

- This guidance only includes sections C to I.
- Operations should be recorded in chronological order as they have been executed on board.
- Dates should be entered in dd-MONTH-yyyy format, e.g., 16-MAR-2009.
- Incineration or landing ashore of oily garbage and used filters should be recorded in the Garbage Record Book only.
- All Entries are to be made and signed by the officer or officers in charge of the operations concerned and each completed page shall be signed by the master of the ship.
- Do not leave any full lines empty between successive entries.
- If a wrong entry has been recorded in the Oil Record Book (ORB), it should immediately be struck through with a single line in such a way that the wrong entry is still legible. The wrong entry should be signed and dated, with the new corrected entry following.
- Tank nomenclature should be recorded as per the format noted within the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPPC).
- Recording of quantities retained in bilge water holding tanks listed under section 3.3 of the IOPPC is voluntary and not required by the Convention.
- The recording of general maintenance of items pertaining to the OWS remains voluntary and is this is not required to be recorded in the ORB.

Usage of code C.11: Collection of oil residues (sludge).

Example #1

Weekly inventory of oil residues (sludge) tanks (tank listed under item 3.1 in the Supplement to the IOPPC)

Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
С	11.1	[Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation]
	11.2	xx m ³
	11.3	xx m ³
		signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy
С	11.1	[Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation]
	11.2	xx m ³
	11.3	xx m ³
		signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy
	С	C 11.1 11.2 11.3 C 11.1 11.2

Recording of oil residue (sludge) collected by manual operation in oil residue (sludge) tank (tank listed under item 3.1 in the Supplement to the IOPPC)^{*}

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-MONTH-			
уууу	С	11.1	[Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation]
		11.2	xx m ³
		11.3	xx m ³
		11.4	xx m ³ collected from [identification of source]
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

- Note: Operator initiated manual collection where oil residue (sludge) is transferred (transfer with a pump) into the oil residue (sludge) tank(s). Examples of such operations could be:
 - 1. Collection of oil residue (sludge) from fuel oil separator drain tanks.
 - 2. Collection of oil residue (sludge) by draining engine sump tanks.
 - 3. Adding fuel oil to an oil residue (sludge) tank (all content of a sludge tank is considered sludge).
 - 4. Collection of sludge from bilge water holding tanks in this case a disposal entry for bilge water is also needed.

Use of Code Item Number C 11.4 only becomes applicable in accordance with MARPOL Annex I amendments which enter into force on 1 January 2011 (resolution MEPC.187(59)).

Usage of code C.12: Disposal or Transfer of oil residues (sludge).

Example #3

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Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge		
dd- MONTH-			$xx m_2^3$ sludge from [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation],		
УУУУ	С	12.1	xx m ³ retained,		
			to "identity or name of sludge receiver, i.e. barge, tank truck or shore facility" during port stay (Name of Port)		
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy		

Disposal of oil residue (sludge) via shore connection

Note: Ships' masters should obtain from the operator of the reception facilities, which includes barges and tank trucks, a receipt or certificate detailing the quantity of oil residue (sludge) transferred, together with the time and date of the transfer. This receipt or certificate, if attached to the Oil Record Book Part I, may aid the master of the ship in proving that his ship was not involved in an alleged pollution incident. The receipt or certificate should be kept together with the Oil Record Book Part I.

Draining of water (disposal) from an oil residue (sludge) tank listed under item 3.1 in the Supplement to the IOPPC, to a bilge water holding tank listed under item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			xx m ³ water drained from [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation]
уууу	С	12.2	xx m ³ retained,
			to [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation] retained in tank(s) $xx m^3$
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: Collection of bilge water need not to be accounted for, so only one entry is required. Capacity of sludge tanks should not be recorded for C.12.x entries.

Example #5

Transfer from one oil residue (sludge) tank to another oil residue (sludge) tank, both listed under item 3.1 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd- MONTH- УУУУ	С	12.2	xx m^3 sludge transferred from [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation], xx m^3 retained,
			to [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation] retained in tank(s) xx m ³ signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Example #6

Incineration of oil residue (sludge) in Incinerator

Date	Code	Item No	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
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dd-			
MONTH-			xx m ³ sludge from [Name of sec 3.1 or 3.2.3 Tank & Designation],
уууу	С	12.3	xx m ³ retained,
			Burned in Incinerator for xx hours
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Example #7

Burning of oil residue (sludge) in Boiler

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operation and signature of officer in charge
dd- MONTH- УУУУ	С	12.4	xx m ³ sludge from [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation], xx m ³ retained,
			Burned in Boiler for xx hours
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Evaporation of water (disposal) from an oil residue (sludge) tank listed under items 3.1 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			xx m ³ water evaporated from [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation],
уууу	С	12.4	xx m ³ retained.
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Example #9

Regeneration of fuel oil from oil residue (sludge)*

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Date	Code	item No.	Record of operation and signature of officer in charge
dd-			xx m ³ sludge disposed by regeneration of x m ³ fuel in [Fuel Tank &
MONTH-			Designation] and x m ³ of water in [Name of sec 3.3 Tank &
УУУУ	С	12.4	Designation]
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Only permitted if mentioned as an approved means of disposal in the IOPPC Supplement.

Usage of code D: Non-automatic discharge overboard or disposal otherwise of bilge water which has accumulated in machinery spaces.

Example #10

Pumping of bilge water from engine-room bilge wells to a tank listed under item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	D	13	xx m ³ bilge water from engine-room bilge wells,
		14	Start: hh:mm, stop: hh:mm
		15.3	To [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation], retained in tank(s) $xx m^3$
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Example #11

Transfer of bilge water between tanks listed in item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			xx m ³ bilge water from, [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation], xx m ³
уууу	D	13	retained,
		14	Start: hh:mm, stop: hh:mm
		15.3	To [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation], retained in tank(s) $xx m^3$
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Pumping of bilge water overboard from tank listed in item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd- MONTH-			
уууу	D	13	xx m ³ bilge water from [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation]
			Capacity xx m ³ , xx m ³ retained
		14	Start: hh:mm, stop: hh:mm
		15.1	Through 15 ppm equipment overboard
			Position start: xx deg xx min N/S, xx deg xx min E/W
			Position stop: xx deg xx min N/S, xx deg xx min E/W
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Example #13

Disposal of bilge water from tank listed in item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC to oil residue (sludge) tank listed in item 3.1 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Ćode	Item No	Record of operation and signature of officer in charge
dd-	0000		record of operation and eignature of emocran enarge
			wm ³ biles water from Name of and 2.2 Tank & Designation
MONTH-			x m ³ bilge water from [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation],
уууу	D	13	now xx m ³
		14	Start: hh:mm stop:, hh:mm
			Collected in [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation] retained in
		15.3	tank(s) xx m ³
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: A code C.11.4 recording may be required if this operation is a manual operator initiated operation.

Usage of code E: Automatic discharge overboard or disposal otherwise of bilge water which has accumulated in machinery spaces.

Example #14

Pumping of bilge water overboard via 15 ppm equipment from tank listed in item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC or from engine-room bilge wells

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	Ε	16	Pump start hh:mm at xx deg xx min N/S, xx deg xx min E/W from
			[Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation]
		18	Stop hh:mm
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Transfer of bilge water from engine-room bilge wells to a tank listed under item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	E	17	Transfer start hh:mm to
			[Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation]
		18	Stop hh:mm
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Usage of code F: Condition of oil filtering equipment.

Example #16

Failure of Oily Filtering Equipment, Oil Content Meter or stopping device

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	F	19	hh:mm
		20	hh:mm (might be unknown – if spare parts has been ordered)
		21	[Reason for Failure, if known]
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: The condition of the oil filtering equipment also covers the alarm and automatic stopping devices, if applicable.

A code 'l' entry should also be made indicating that the overboard valve was sealed shut due to non working Oil Filtering Equipment or Oil Content Meter.

On the date where the system is functional again, a new entry, using code F 19 / 20 / 21 should be made where F 19 is the date and time of the initial failure and F 20 is the time the system is functional again.

Example #16bis

When proper operation of the Oily Filtering Equipment, Oil Content Meter or stopping device is restored

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	F	19	hh:mm (the same time as in example 16)
		20	hh:mm (the time the system is functional)
		21	[Reason for Failure, if known]
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: The condition of the oil filtering equipment also covers the alarm and automatic stopping devices, if applicable.

A code 'I' entry should also be made indicating that the overboard valve was sealed shut due to non working Oil Filtering Equipment or Oil Content Meter.

Usage of code G: Accidental or other exceptional discharges of oil.

Example #17

Accidental Pollution

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	G	22	hh:mm
		23	Position: xx deg xx min
		24	Quantity of oily residue (if known)
		25	Circumstances of the discharge
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: If failure of Oil Filtering Equipment or Oil Content Meter related equipment is involved, appropriate (F) entry is to be made in ORB. Relevant sections of the SOPEP (SMPEP) are to be used to combat oil spills at sea.

Examples of Circumstances of discharge include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Oil Content Meter failure.
- 2. Fuel tank overflow.
- 3. Ruptured bunkering hose/flange.
- 4. Fuel tank leakage (due to collision or grounding).

Usage of code H: Bunkering of fuel or bulk lubricating oil.

Example #18

Bunkering of Fuel oil

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Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	Н	26.1	[Name of Port]
		26.2	Start dd-mm-yyyy Stop dd-mm-yyyy
		26.3	xxxx MT of ISO-xxxxx HFO x.x % S bunkered in tanks:
			aaaa MT added to [Tank Name & Designation] now containing bbbb MT
			cccc MT added to [Tank Name & Designation] now containing dddd MT
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Example #19

Bunkering of Bulk Lubricating oil

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Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	Н	26.1	[Name of Port]
		26.2	Start dd-mm-yyyy Stop dd-mm-yyyy
		26.4	xx MT [Type of Oil] bunkered in tanks:
			xx MT added to [Tank Name & Designation] now containing xx MT
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: Separate entries required for each grade of fuel oils and lubricating oils respectively to ensure transparency. This entry is not required if lubricating oils are delivered onboard in packaged form (55 gallon drum, etc.).

Usage of code I: Additional operational procedures and general remarks.

Example #20

Pumping oily bilge water from a Cargo Hold bilge holding tank to a tank listed under item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
УУУУ	1		xx m ³ oily bilge water from Cargo Hold bilge holding tank
			to [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation]
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: Any collection and transfer of oily bilge water into the engine-room bilge holding tank(s) from a cargo hold bilge holding tank(s) should be recorded using code (I)

Example #21

Entry pertaining to an earlier missed operational entry

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Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу (1)	1		Entry pertaining to an earlier missed operational entry
dd-			
MONTH-			xx m ³ sludge transferred from [Name of sec. 3.1 Tank and
уууу (2)	С	12.2	Designation], xx m ³ retained
			to [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation], retained in tank(s) xx m ³
			signed (1): (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy
			signed (2): (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: Date (1) to be the date of the original operation.

Date (2) to be the current date i.e. the date the entry is made.

Signed (1) Signature of Officer making I entry

Signed (2) Signature of Officer making missed entry

Example #22

De-bunkering of Fuel oil

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Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	1		xxxx MT of ISO-xxxxx HFO x.x % S de-bunkered from tanks:
			xxxx MT removed from [Tank Name & Designation] now containing
			xxx MT
			De-bunkered to "identity or name of receiver i.e. barge, tank truck or
			shore facility" in "Name of Port"
			Start dd-mm-yyyy Stop dd-mm-yyyy
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: Include receipt & certificate from receiver for amount & type of fuel oil de-bunkered.

Tankers with slop tanks

Example #23

I ranster of sludge from engine-room oil residue (sludge) tank to deck/cargo slop tank				
Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge	
dd- MONTH- УУУУ	С	12.4	xx m^3 sludge from [Name of sec 3.1 Tank & Designation], xx m^3 retained,	
			Transferred to Deck Slop Tank [designation]	
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy	

Transfer of sludge from engine-room oil residue (sludge) tank to deck/cargo slop tank

Example #24

Transfer of bilge water from tank listed in item 3.3 in the Supplement to the IOPPC to deck/cargo slop tank

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			
уууу	D	13	xx m ³ bilge water from [Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation]
			Capacity xx m ³ , xx m ³ retained
		14	Start: hh:mm, stop: hh:mm
		15.3	Transferred to Deck Slop Tank [designation]
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Note: Requires this method listed in the IOPP Supplement under item 3.2.4.
If non-oil-cargo related oily residues are transferred to slop tanks of oil tankers, the discharge of such residues should be in compliance with Regulation 34. (UI 22.1.1 for Regulation 15).
Requires an entry in the Oil Record Book – Part II using code (O).
If sludge or bilge water is transferred from multiple tanks in engine-room a separate entry must be made in ORB Parts I & II for each transfer.

General Guidance – Additional Voluntary Recordings

Example #25

Voluntary declaration of quantities retained in bilge water holding tanks ref. MEPC.1/Circ.640 – record weekly

Date	Code	Item No	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
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dd-			
MONTH-			
УУУУ	1		Weekly Inventory of Bilge Water Tanks (listed under item 3.3)
			[Name of sec 3.3 Tank & Designation]
			capacity xx m ³ , xx m ³ retained
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Optional sealing of MARPOL	Appay I related	valve and/or	aquinmont
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Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd- MONTH- УУУУ	1		Overboard valve [Valve Number] from 15 ppm bilge water separator unit sealed
			seal no.: xxxxxx,
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy

Example #27

Breaking of optional seal on MARPOL Annex I related valve and/or equipment

Date	Code	Item No.	Record of operations/signature of officer in charge
dd-			
MONTH-			Overboard valve [Valve Number] from 15 ppm bilge water separator
уууу	1		unit unsealed
			for normal operation of 15 ppm unit
			seal no.: xxxxxxx
			signed: (Officer-in-charge, Name & Rank) dd-MONTH-yyyy
