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Unified Interpretation on the application of the amendments to Appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI adopted by MEPC.385(81)

Interpretation of regulations 27.1, 27.2, 5.4.5 and 26.2 of MARPOL Annex VI within the scope of application of the amendments to Appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI adopted by MEPC.385(81)

Regulations 27.1 and 27.2 of MARPOL Annex VI read as follows:

1 *From calendar year 2019, each ship of 5,000 gross tonnage and above shall collect the data specified in appendix IX to this Annex, for that and each subsequent calendar year or portion thereof, as appropriate according to the methodology included in the SEEMP.*

2 *Except as provided for in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of this regulation, at the end of each calendar year, the ship shall aggregate the data collected in that calendar year or portion thereof, as appropriate.*

Regulation 5.4.5 of MARPOL Annex VI reads as follows:

5 *The Administration shall ensure that for each ship to which regulation 27 applies, the SEEMP complies with regulation 26.2 of this Annex. This shall be done prior to collecting data under regulation 27 of this Annex in order to ensure the methodology and processes are in place prior to the beginning of the ship's first reporting period. Confirmation of compliance shall be provided to and retained on board the ship;*

Regulation 26.2 of MARPOL Annex VI reads as follows:

2 *In the case of a ship of 5,000 gross tonnage and above, the SEEMP shall include a description of the methodology that will be used to collect the data required by regulation 27.1 of this Annex and the processes that will be used to report the data to the ship's Administration.*

Interpretation:

Within the scope of application of the amendments to Appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI adopted by resolution MEPC.385(81) and aiming to maintain uniform data granularity throughout the collection and reporting process over a calendar year, the term 'portion thereof' in regulation 27.1 and 27.2 of MARPOL Annex VI is to be applied in such a way that all data portions for the same calendar year are collected and reported at the same level of granularity.

Prior to collecting data specified in the Appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI as amended by resolution MEPC.385(81), each ship to which regulation 27 applies, must have their SEEMP revised to ensure compliance with regulation 26.2 of MARPOL Annex VI taking into account the guidelines adopted by resolution MEPC.346(78) as amended.

Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies on ships on or after 1 November 2024.