

Subject:

Application of MARPOL 73/78 Annex II
to Existing Chemical Tankers

NK TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Shipowners and Shipyards concerned

With regard to implementation of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 "REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION BY NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN BULK" applicable to chemical tankers, our NK Technical Information, No. 38, dated 22 July 1985 has been sent to you and we sincerely expect that you have paid your special attention to its implementation.

This is hereby to inform you that the Annex II is to enter into force as from 6 April, 1987.

Accordingly, in addition to the Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, both the STANDARDS FOR PROCEDURES AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES (hereafter referred to as the P & A Standards) -Resolution MEPC 18 (22)- and the CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS IN BULK as amended (hereafter referred to as the MARPOL BCH Code) -Resolution MEPC 20 (22)- are to be applied to an existing chemical tanker (a chemical tanker constructed before 1 July 1986) as from 6 April, 1987.

Whilst a grace of period is given to the existing chemical tanker for compliance with a part of regulations in the Annex II, the existing chemical tanker including the chemical tanker engaged in the coastal service irrespective of the tonnage is required to comply with the requirements of the Annex II, the P & A Standards and the MARPOL BCH Code by 6 April, 1987 and to hold the Certificate of Fitness issued in pursuance of the MARPOL BCH Code as from the same date. Should the existing chemical tanker fails to hold the said Certificate of Fitness (MARPOL BCH Code), by 6 April 1987 she will not be allowed to continue their service even if the ship holds the Certificate of Fitness (BCH Code, A.212 (VII)).



For the purpose of compliance with the requirements, the existing chemical tanker may be required to undergo some conversion works and in many cases an onboard testing by water is expected to be required for the verification of stripping quantity. In addition, even a tanker such as a product tanker, in which the carriage of noxious liquid substances was accepted previously since these noxious liquid substances have not been covered by the BCH Code, is to be newly required to hold the Certificate of Fitness of MARPOL BCH Code for the carriage of substances of Category A, B or C which newly appear and are listed up in the Annex II.

For the issue of the said Certificate of Fitness (MARPOL BCH Code), the revision of the documents on board such as the list of products suitable for carriage, operation manual, damaged stability information and loading information would be necessary accordingly.

This Society sincerely presumes that, taking the above circumstances into consideration, you have already finished and/or started taking necessary steps for the conformity. For your information, this Society has already set out its procedures to carry out the survey and certification under the Annex II, P & A Standards and MARPOL BCH Code.

If you have not requested us to carry out the survey and certification of your ship concerned yet, we advise you to take necessary steps at your earliest convenience.

If you have inquiries on the above matter and/or wish to apply the survey and certification, please contact Hull Department of this Head Office.

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