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**Notice to All Ship-Owners, Operators, Training Institutes, Masters of Sri Lankan Flagged Ships, and Recognized Organizations.**

### **Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP)**

- References:** (a) MARPOL 73/78, Annex I, Regulation 37, as amended  
(b) MARPOL 73/78, Annex II, Regulation 17, as amended  
(c) MEPC Resolution 54(32) as amended by MEPC Resolution 86(44)  
(d) MEPC Resolution 85(44)

#### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this Notice is to inform all parties regarding policy concerning the approval of Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans.

#### **2. Applicability**

- 2.1 This instruction applies to the following Sri Lankan flag vessels:
- oil tankers over 150 gross tons (GT), and
  - every ship other than an oil tankers over 400 GT.

#### **3. Requirements**

3.1 Sri Lanka is a party to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978, generally known as MARPOL 73/78. All nations that are parties to MARPOL 73/78 are required to take the necessary steps to ensure that each of their vessels has on board a SOPEP prepared in accordance with Regulation 37 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Guidelines contained in the MEPC Resolution 54(32) as amended by MEPC Resolution 86(44).

3.2 Every ship of 150 GTs and above certified to carry noxious liquid substances in bulk shall carry on board a shipboard marine pollution emergency plan for noxious liquid substances prepared in accordance with Regulation 17 in Annex II of MARPOL 73/78, reference (b) above, and the IMO Guidelines contained in MEPC Resolution 85(44).

3.3 In the case of ships to which both Regulation 37 of Annex I and Regulation 17 of Annex II of the Convention also apply, the two (2) plans may be combined. In this case, the title of such a plan shall be Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plan (SMPEP), and it should be prepared in accordance with the IMO Guidelines contained in MEPC Resolution 85(44).

3.4 The Merchant Shipping Secretariat (MSS) has authorized the approved recognized organisation to approve these plans on behalf of the MSS.

3.5 Latest version of the National contact points shall be available in the appendices of the SOPEP manual. (Quarterly updated by IMO and available in the [www.imo.org](http://www.imo.org))

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