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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF ANNEX I OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION  
OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Proposed Draft of Regulation 9(3)

Submitted by the United States and the Netherlands

Regulation 9(3)

Whenever visible traces of oil are observed on or below the surface of the water in the immediate vicinity of a ship or its wake, Contracting States should, to the extent they are reasonably able to do so, promptly investigate the facts bearing on the issue of whether there has been a violation of the provisions of this Regulation or Regulation 12 of this Annex. The investigation should include, in particular, the wind and sea conditions, the track and speed of the ship, other possible sources of the visible traces in the vicinity, and any relevant oil discharge records.

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