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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 amendments to Regulations of Annex I

Submitted by the United States

The United States submits for consideration by the Committee the following proposals for amendments to Annex I:

Amend Regulation 1(5) to read as follows:

- (5) "New ship" means a ship
- (a) for which the contract is placed, or in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction, on or after 1 January 1974; or
 - (b) the delivery of which is on or after 1 July 1977; or
 - (c) which has undergone a major conversion for which the contract is placed, or in the absence of a contract, the construction work of which is begun, on or after 1 January 1974; or
 - (d) which has undergone a major conversion which is completed on or after 1 July 1977.

Amend Regulation 1(7)(i) to read as follows:

- (i) "which substantially increases the cargo carrying capacity of the ship".

Regulation 3

Paragraph (1) - delete "or any other provision to be made" and "it is satisfied by trial thereof or otherwise that".

Add at the conclusion of existing text, paragraph (1):

"... This authority of the Administration does not extend to substitution of operational methods to effect the control of discharge of oil as equivalent to those design and construction features which are prescribed by Regulations in this Annex."

Paragraph (2) - delete "or provision".

Regulation 10

Amend paragraph (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The escape of oil or oily mixture resulting from damage to a ship or its equipment, provided that the owner and master had taken all reasonable precautions to avoid such damage and provided further that all reasonable precautions are taken after the occurrence of the damage or discovery of the leakage for the purpose of preventing or minimizing the escape; or ..."

Amend paragraph (c) by adding the following at the conclusion of the existing text:

"(c) Any such discharge shall be subject to the approval of any government in whose jurisdiction it is contemplated the discharge will occur."

Alternative amendment to paragraph (c) - delete the words "approved by the Administration".

Amend Regulation 11(1) to read as follows:

- (1) Every oil tanker shall operate under such methods as appropriate to comply with the discharge criteria specified in Regulations 9 and 12 of this Annex. To this end, one or both [all] of the following operating methods shall be employed, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Regulation:
 - (a) segregated ballast tanks specified in Regulation 13 of this Annex; or
 - (b) retention of oil on board specified in Regulation 15 of this Annex; or
 - (c) in port disposal, under the following circumstances only:
 - (i) where reception facilities are required by Regulation 12 or Regulation 20 of this Annex;
 - (ii) where adequate reception facilities are otherwise available and prior arrangements have been made for their use.