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

Proposals on the draft text of the Convention on
Provisions for "Special Areas"

Submitted jointly by the delegations of
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the German Democratic Republic, Poland, Sweden
and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Regulation 9

Alter the heading to "Discharge of oil outside Special Areas". Delete paragraphs (1)(a)(iii), (1)(b)(v) and (2).

Regulation 9A

Add the following new Regulation:

"Regulation 9A

Discharge of Oil within Special Areas

- (1) For the purpose of this Annex "special areas" shall include the Baltic Sea Area,
- (2) For the purpose of this Annex:
 - (a) The Baltic Sea Area means the Baltic Sea proper with the Gulf of Bothnia, the Gulf of Finland and the entrance to the Baltic Sea bounded by the parallel of latitude of the Skaw in the Skagerrak;
 - (b)

- (3) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 10 of this Annex any discharge into the sea of oil or oily mixtures* from ships to which this Annex applies shall be prohibited except in case of a ship other than an oil tanker of less than 400 tons gross tonnage discharging oil or oily mixtures from machinery space bilges. Discharge from machinery space bilges in such ships ~~of~~ of less than 400 tons gross tonnage~~7~~ may be permitted only when all the following conditions are satisfied:
- (a) the ship is proceeding en route;
 - (b) the oil content of the discharge is less than 100 parts of oil per 1,000,000 parts of effluent;
 - (c) the instantaneous rate of discharge of oil content does not exceed 30 litres per nautical mile;
 - (d) the discharge is made as far as practicable from the land but in no case less than 12 nautical miles from the nearest land;
 - (e) the discharge shall not contain chemicals or other substances which are hazardous to the marine environment.
- (4) The provisions of this Regulation shall not apply to the discharge of clean ballast."

* Depending on the final definition of oil, the text may need to be amended to cover both persistent and non-persistent oils.