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**NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS  
FOR SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**

- 1 This circular replaces all previously issued circulars under this title.
- 2 The annex to this circular includes the "List of national operational contact points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances including oil from ships to coastal States".
- 3 The information on national contact points can be accessed through GISIS at <https://gisis.imo.org/Public/CP/Browse.aspx?List=SICI> for:
  - .1 national inspection services – head offices (originally MSC/Circ.630);
  - .2 national inspection services – local offices (originally MSC/Circ.630);
  - .3 inspection services acting as representatives of flag States for port State control matters and responsible authorities in charge of casualty investigation (originally MSC/Circ.542); and
  - .4 Secretariats of Memoranda of Understanding on Port State Control.
- 4 Member Governments are requested to:
  - .1 provide information on any changes or additions to the lists of contact points by directly updating the relevant information in the Contact Points module of GISIS;
  - .2 provide addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and electronic mail addresses of inspection services acting as representatives of flag States in case of port States interventions; and
  - .3 notwithstanding the provisions of the 1974 SOLAS Convention with regard to communication of an intervention, port State authorities are requested to additionally convey information related to port State control interventions to those flag State inspection services (Head Offices), or to the inspection services acting as representatives of flag States, when available.
- 5 The annexed list is also issued as the annex to the MSC-MEPC.6 circular posted annually on IMODOCS on 31 January of each year. Quarterly updates are subsequently issued on 30 April, 31 July and 31 October of each year. While the most up-to-date version of

the list can be downloaded from the GISIS Contact Points module at <https://gisis.imo.org/Public/CP/Browse.aspx?List=URHS>, the circular, including its annex, as well as a stand-alone PDF version of the annex, are also available on the IMO website at <http://www.imo.org> and can be accessed through the "Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans" link.

6 The next circular under this title (MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.24) will be issued on 31 January 2026.

7 Queries on the management of the data contained in the above-mentioned list should be addressed to:

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