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## CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS

### Draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI

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#### SUMMARY

*Executive summary:* This document provides an editorial proposal in respect of the draft amendments to regulation 14, specifically paragraph 3 of regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI. The purpose of this proposal is to avoid the re-numbering of the "... other sea area ..." clause each time a new emission control area is agreed. Furthermore, this would then align this paragraph with the corresponding approach now adopted in respect of regulation 13.

*Strategic direction,  
if applicable:* 3

*Output:* 3.2

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 6

*Related documents:* MEPC 73/3; MEPC 71/17/Add.1 and annex 1

#### Introduction

1 This document provides comment on document MEPC 73/3.

2 At PPR 5 a number of draft amendments to regulation 14 were developed, which were subsequently considered at MEPC 72 and, as revised, approved, as set out in document MEPC 73/3. These amendments included a general updating of the regulation in addition to the introduction of the carriage ban on non-compliant fuel oils and it is in the context of the former that this proposal is made.

#### Discussion

3 At MEPC 71, a number of amendments were adopted in relation to regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI. One element of those was a re-working of paragraph 6 of that regulation in order to avoid renumbering the "... the other sea area..." clause each time a new NO<sub>x</sub> Tier III emission control area was adopted.

4 Consequently at this time, when a revised regulation 14 is to be considered for adoption, it would be proposed that a similar change be made to the structure of paragraph 3 of that regulation. To so amend would thereby render this paragraph consistent in approach to the corresponding paragraph in regulation 13 as adopted at MEPC 71. Furthermore, in the future should additional emission control areas under this regulation be agreed, those would simply be added to the listing with the linking "; and" relocated but without any consequential renumbering each time of the "... other sea area..." clause.

5 This proposal, relative to the existing text of paragraph 3 of regulation 14, is set out in the annex to this submission. In the proposed text in the annex, the references to the Baltic and North Sea emission control areas have now been separated and the wording amended in order to follow exactly the approach adopted at MEPC 71 in respect of paragraph 6 of regulation 13.

**Action requested of the Committee:**

6 The Committee is invited to take into account the proposal made in paragraph 5 when considering for adoption the draft amendments to regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI.

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## ANNEX

### Regulation 14

#### *Sulphur Oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>) and particulate matter*

- 1 The existing text of paragraph 3 is restructured and amended as follows:
- 3 For the purpose of this regulation, ~~emission control areas shall include~~ an emission control area shall be any sea area, including any port area, designated by the Organization in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in appendix III to this Annex. The emission control areas under this regulation are:
- .1 ~~the Baltic Sea area~~ Emission Control Area as defined in regulation 1.11.2 of Annex I ~~of the present Convention;~~ and the North Sea as defined in regulation 1.14.6 of Annex V;
  - .2 the North Sea Emission Control Area as defined in regulation 1.14.6 of Annex V of the present Convention;
  - .23 the North American area Emission Control Area, as which means the area described by the coordinates provided in appendix VII to this Annex; and
  - .34 the United States Caribbean Sea area Emission Control Area, as which means the area described by the coordinates provided in appendix VII to this Annex; and,
  - ~~.4 any other sea area, including any port area, designated by the Organization in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in appendix III to this Annex.~~
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