

Circular 19 / 2010

To: Shipowners and/or Operators, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Entry into force of the Revised MARPOL Annex VI – a reminder

Date: 27 May 2010

This Circular is a reminder that certain aspects of the revised MARPOL Annex VI will have immediate effect. In particular:

- the maximum permitted sulphur content of fuels used in the two emission Control Areas for sulphur (the Baltic and North Sea area) will reduce from 1.50% to 1.00%
- all ships will be required to maintain a list of equipment containing ozone-depleting substances (ODS) and an ODS record book, under regulation 12.
- tankers carrying crude oil are required to have on board an approved VOC Management Plan (see Classification News 41/2009 and 03/2010).

To assist owners in complying with regulation 12, please see guidance notes and a sample log sheet which will help with maintaining the required records.

The guidance notes can be downloaded at:

www.lr.org/sectors/marine/documents/197940-marpol-annex-vi-guidance-notes.aspx

The sample log sheet can be downloaded at:

www.lr.org/sectors/marine/documents/197939-sample-log-sheet-for-eu-and-marpol-annex-vi.aspx

In addition to the above, the Revised Annex VI includes amendments to the International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate and its supplement; as a result, all certificates and supplements will be required to be reissued. This will be carried out as follows.

For ships which currently hold an International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate or a Certificate of Compliance, the certificate and its supplement will be reissued at the next renewal survey after July 1, 2010, or on any other occasion (such as change of flag or name) which would necessitate the reissue of the certificate and its supplement, whichever comes first. Where applicable it will be confirmed that an approved VOC Management Plan is on board.