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**Applicable to:** Shipowners, ship managers, operators, masters, crew members, recognised organisations, surveyors and the shipping community

**PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (AIR) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2025 AND PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2025**

1. This circular informs the shipping community on the amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) Regulations 2022 which will enter into force on 01 August 2025, and the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations 2017 which will enter into force on 01 October 2025.

**Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 and Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2025**

2. The Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted amendments to Annex VI of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Convention), through Resolution [MEPC.385\(81\)](#) which will enter into force on 01 August 2025, and amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) through Resolution [MEPC.383\(81\)](#), which will enter into force on 01 October 2025.

3. Resolution [MEPC.385\(81\)](#) adopted amendments to Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention to amend the definitions of fuel oil and gas fuel; introduce NOx requirements for replacing a steam system with a marine diesel engine; introduce clarifications on sampling point(s) and bunker delivery notes for low-flashpoint fuels and gas fuels; and expand on the data required to be submitted to the IMO Data Collection System (DCS). The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) Regulations 2022 give effect to the Resolution [MEPC.385\(81\)](#).

4. Resolution [MEPC.383\(81\)](#) adopted amendments to Regulations A-1 and B-2 of the BWM Convention relating to the use of electronic record books. The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations 2017 give effect to the Resolution [MEPC.383\(81\)](#).

5. Copies of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (Government Gazette No. **S 523/2025**) and Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (Government Gazette No. **S 524/2025**) can be purchased at:

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6. The Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) Regulations 2022 and Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations 2017 can also be accessed on [Singapore Statutes Online](#).

7. Any queries relating to this circular should be emailed to [shipping@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:shipping@mpa.gov.sg).

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