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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 (OIL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2023

1. This circular informs the shipping community on the amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Oil) Regulations which will come into force on 01 January 2024.

2. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted amendments to Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 at its seventy-eighth session through Resolution [MEPC.343\(78\)](#). The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Oil) Regulations give effect to Resolution [MEPC.343\(78\)](#).

3. Resolution [MEPC.343\(78\)](#) adopts amendments to regulation 28.3.1 of MARPOL Annex I regarding the use of hinged watertight doors to meet the damage stability criteria. The amendments will enter into force on 01 January 2024.

4. Copies of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Oil) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (Government Gazette No. **S 705/2023**) can be purchased at:

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5. The [Prevention of Pollution of the Sea \(Oil\) Regulations](#) can also be accessed on [Singapore Statutes Online](#).

6. Any queries relating to this circular should be emailed to shipping@mpa.gov.sg.

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