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UNIFIED INTERPRETATION TO MARPOL ANNEX VI

Time of replacement of an engine

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its sixty-fifth session (13 to 17 May 2013), approved a Unified Interpretation to MARPOL Annex VI on the time of replacement of an engine (MEPC 65/22, paragraph 4.46).

2 The Unified Interpretation, as approved by the Committee, is set out in the annex hereto.

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Regulation 13

Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)

Regulation 13.2.2 reads as follows:

"For a major conversion involving the replacement of a marine diesel engine with a non-identical marine diesel engine or the installation of an additional marine diesel engine, the standards in this regulation in force at the time of the replacement or addition of the engine shall apply."

Interpretation

The term "time of the replacement or addition" of the engine in regulation 13.2.2 of MARPOL Annex VI is to be taken as the date of:

- .1 the contractual delivery date of the engine to the ship^{*}; or
- .2 in the absence of a contractual delivery date, the actual delivery date of the engine to the ship^{*}, provided that the date is confirmed by a delivery receipt; or
- .3 in the event the engine is fitted on board and tested for its intended purpose on or after 1 July 2016, the actual date that the engine is tested on board for its intended purpose applies in determining the standards in this regulation in force at the time of the replacement or addition of the engine.

The date in paragraphs .1, .2 or .3 above, provided the conditions associated with those dates apply, is the "Date of major conversion – According to regulation 13.2.2" to be entered in the IAPPC Supplement. In this case, the "Date of installation", which applies only for identical replacement engines, shall be filled in with "N.A.".

If the engine is delivered in accordance with either paragraphs .1 or .2 above before 1 January 2016 but not tested before 1 July 2016 due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the shipowner, then the provisions of "unforeseen delay in delivery" may be considered by the Administration in a manner similar to MARPOL Annex I U14.

* The engine is to be fitted on board and tested for its intended purpose before 1 July 2016.