

ANNEX 3

RESOLUTION MEPC.4(XIII)

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF OIL CONTENT METERS IN OIL TANKERS

Adopted on 13 June 1980

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

NOTING Resolution A.297(VIII) by which the Assembly established the Committee and specified its functions and responsibilities,

RECALLING that a test and performance specification for oil content meters as called for in the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 has been developed and adopted by the Assembly at its tenth session by Resolution A.393(X),

RECALLING FURTHER that the Assembly adopted at its eleventh session a Resolution A.445(XI) which recognizes the need for practical experience with oil content meters to be collected as soon as possible and which urges Governments to encourage shipowners to install oil content meters for this purpose on a voluntary basis and as soon as possible,

REALIZING that this is the only efficient way by which experience with oil content meters and their installation arrangements can be gained at an early stage and thereby a basis be created for timely and efficient implementation of the Convention requirements regarding oil content meters,

REALIZING FURTHER that in this process oil content meters and their installation arrangements may be further developed and improved based on experience so gained,

REALIZING ALSO that those shipowners which have undertaken to install early models of oil content meters for the benefit of the total implementation programme should not be penalized by having taken such initiatives,

URGES Governments to clearly declare to shipowners within their jurisdiction that oil content meters approved under the terms of Resolution A.393(X) and installed on oil tankers on a voluntary basis will remain acceptable for the measurement of oil content until they have to be replaced due to normal ageing or failure beyond repair and will not be required to be replaced as long as they conform to the original performance requirements.

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