CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF ANNEX I OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS 1973

Amendments to Regulations of Annex I

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Further to proposals given in MP/CONF/8/9 and MP/CONF/C.2/WP.5, the United States submits for consideration by the Committee the following proposals for amendments to Annex I.

Regulation I

Amend paragraph (22) as follows:

(22) "Deadweight" (DW) means the difference between the displacement of a ship at geometric summer freeboard loadlines and the lightweight of the ship in metric tons.

Regulation II

(1) Proposal is contained in MP/CONF/C.2/WP.5.

The following paragraph (2) is proposed which will supersede the proposal in MP/CONF/8/9:

(2) Every new oil tanker of 20,000 tons deadweight and above shall be designed, constructed and equipped in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 13 of this Annex.
New proposal for the text of paragraph (3):

(3) On or after 1 January 1974 every oil tanker shall be capable of operating under the method specified in Regulation 15 of this Annex to the standards and requirements of Regulation 9(1)(a) of this Annex, except for the requirements of Regulation 9(1)(a)(vi) and 9(1)(a)(vii) of this Annex which shall be applicable on or before 1 January 1976.

Regulation 15

(3)(b) and (e) Delete.

Amend paragraph 3(d) and (f) as follows:

(3)(d) The tanker shall be fitted with an automatic oil content monitoring and control system approved by the Administration. This system shall be such as will ensure that any discharge of oily mixture is automatically stopped when the instantaneous rate of discharge of oil content exceeds that permitted by Regulation 9(1)(a) of this Annex. In considering the design of the oil content meter that is to be incorporated into the design of such a system, the Administration shall have regard to the specification set out in Part B of the Recommendation annexed to Resolution A.233(VII) adopted by the Assembly of the Organization. The meter shall be fitted with a recording device to provide a permanent record of the oil content of the discharge.

(3)(f) The operation of this system shall be in accordance with an operational manual approved by the Administration and intended to ensure that at no time shall oil be discharged except in compliance with the conditions specified in Regulation 9 of this annex. In considering this operational manual, Administrations shall have regard to the contents of the International Chamber of Shipping's "Clean Seas Guide for Oil Tankers" IMCO document.