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

Proposed Amendment to Regulation 5A

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Alternative I - Based on the text of Working Paper MP/CONF/C.2/MP.31/Rev.1

Reception facilities for special areas

(7) (a) Each Contracting Government as soon as possible undertakes to ensure that adequate reception facilities are provided in ports and terminals used by ships for the purpose of loading and unloading noxious substances carried in bulk according to the needs of ships using such ports and terminals and without causing delay.

(b) Each Contracting Government concerned shall notify the Organization of the measures taken. Upon receipt of a sufficient number of such notifications the Organization shall establish a date from which the requirements of this Regulation in respect of the area in question shall take effect.
(c) During the period between the entry into force of the present Convention and the date established by the Organization in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) above, the requirements of Regulation 5 of this Annex shall apply.

(d) After the date on which the requirements for the special area in question take effect, each Contracting Government shall report to the Organization for transmission to the Contracting Governments concerned all cases where facilities are alleged to be inadequate.

Note: If this alternative is adopted, the additional phrase in paragraph 1 of this Regulation as proposed in Working Paper MP/CONF/C.3/11 may not be necessary.
Alternative II

(7) (a) Upon receipt of a sufficient number of notifications from the Contracting Governments in a given special area, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 7(2) of this Annex, the Organization shall establish a date from which the requirements of this Regulation in respect of the area in question shall take effect.

(b) During the period between the entry into force of the present Convention and the date established by the Organization in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) above, the requirements of Regulation 5 of this Annex shall apply.

Note: If this alternative is adopted the additional phrase for paragraph (1) of Regulation 5A as proposed in MP/CONF/MP.11 must be retained. If either one of the alternatives is adopted the local-in sentence of Regulation 5A should read as follows:

"Subject to the provisions of Regulation 6 of this Annex and paragraph 7 of this Regulation."