CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF ANNEX I OF THE
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Regulation 9(3)

Whenever visible traces of oil are observed on or below the surface of the
water in the immediate vicinity of a ship or its wake, Contracting States
should, to the extent they are reasonably able to do so, promptly investigate
the facts bearing on the issue of whether there has been a violation of the
provisions of this Regulation or Regulation 12 of this Annex. The investigation
should include, in particular, the wind and sea conditions, the track and
speed of the ship, other possible sources of the visible traces in the vicinity,
and any relevant oil discharge records.