Amendments to Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended, were adopted by resolution MEPC.117(52) in October 2004. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2007. The amended text includes some regulations for which the identifying numbers differ from those in the Annex I that was in force before 1 January 2007. Because the text of this edition of Crude Oil Washing Systems includes references to regulations of the Annex I that was in force before 1 January 2007, it is necessary to find corresponding regulation numbers in the Annex I that is now in force. The Circular MEPC/Circ. 421 contains tables showing correspondence between previous and current regulation numbers in Annex I of MARPOL. This Circular is available on the IMO website at www.imo.org.