

RESOLUTION MEPC.344(78)
(adopted on 10 June 2022)

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE
PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

Amendments to MARPOL Annex II

**(Abbreviated legend to the revised
GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure)**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL), which specifies the amendment procedure and confers upon the appropriate body of the Organization the function of considering amendments thereto for adoption by the Parties,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-eighth session, proposed amendments to appendix I of MARPOL Annex II concerning the abbreviated legend to the revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of MARPOL, amendments to appendix I of MARPOL Annex II, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of MARPOL, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 May 2023 unless prior to that date, not less than one-third of the Parties or Parties the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50 per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments;

3 INVITES the Parties to note that, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of MARPOL, the said amendments shall enter into force on 1 November 2023 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, for the purposes of article 16(2)(e) of MARPOL, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Parties to MARPOL;

5 ALSO REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of the present resolution and its annex to Members of the Organization which are not Parties to MARPOL.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEX II

(Abbreviated legend to the revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure)

Appendix I

Guidelines for the categorization of noxious liquid substances

The three tables under the title "Abbreviated legend to the revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure" are replaced by the following four tables:

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Numerical rating	A Bioaccumulation and Biodegradation		B Aquatic Toxicity	
	A1 Bioaccumulation		B1 Acute toxicity LC/EC/IC ₅₀ (mg/L)	B2 Chronic toxicity EC ₁₀ or NOEC (mg/L)
	A1a: log P _{ow}	A1b: BCF		
0	log <1, log > ca.7 MW > 1000	no measurable BCF	R: readily biodegradable	AT >1000 CT >1
1	1 ≤ log <2	1 ≤ BCF <10	NR: not readily biodegradable	100 < AT ≤ 1000 0.1 < CT ≤ 1
2	2 ≤ log <3	10 ≤ BCF <100		10 < AT ≤ 100 0.01 < CT ≤ 0.1
3	3 ≤ log <4	100 ≤ BCF <500		1 < AT ≤ 10 0.001 < CT ≤ 0.01
4	4 ≤ log <5	500 ≤ BCF <4000		0.1 < AT ≤ 1 CT ≤ 0.001
5	5 ≤ log < ca.7	BCF ≥ 4000		0.01 < AT ≤ 0.1
6				AT ≤ 0.01

Numerical rating	C Acute Mammalian Toxicity				
	C1 Oral toxicity	C2 Dermal toxicity	C3 Inhalation toxicity		
	LD ₅₀ /ATE (mg/kg)	LD ₅₀ /ATE (mg/kg)	C3a		C3b
			vapour/mist LC ₅₀ /ATE (mg/L)	mist only LC ₅₀ /ATE (mg/L)	vapour only LC ₅₀ /ATE (mg/L)
0	ATE >2000	ATE >2000	ATE >20	ATE >5	ATE >20
1	300 < ATE ≤ 2000	1000 < ATE ≤ 2000	10 < ATE ≤ 20	1 < ATE ≤ 5	10 < ATE ≤ 20
2	50 < ATE ≤ 300	200 < ATE ≤ 1000	2 < ATE ≤ 10	0.5 < ATE ≤ 1	2 < ATE ≤ 10
3	5 < ATE ≤ 50	50 < ATE ≤ 200	0.5 < ATE ≤ 2	0.05 < ATE ≤ 0.5	0.5 < ATE ≤ 2
4	ATE ≤ 5	ATE ≤ 50	ATE ≤ 0.5	ATE ≤ 0.05	ATE ≤ 0.5

Numerical rating	D Irritation, Corrosion and Long-term Health Effects		
	D1 Skin irritation and corrosion	D2 Eye irritation and corrosion	D3 Long-term health effects
0	not irritating	not irritating	C – Carcinogenic M – Mutagenic R – Reprotoxic Ss – Sensitizing to skin Sr – Sensitizing to respiratory system A – Aspiration hazard T – Target Organ Toxicity N – Neurotoxic I – Immunotoxic
1	mildly irritating	mildly irritating	
2	irritating	irritating	
3	severely irritating or corrosive 3A Corr. (≤4 h) 3B Corr. (≤1 h) 3C Corr. (≤3 min)	severely irritating	

E			
Interference with Other Uses of the Sea			
Numerical Rating	E1 Flammability flashpoint (°C)	E2 Physical effects on wildlife and benthic habitats	E3 Interference with coastal amenities
0	- (not flammable, does not burn)	Fp - Persistent floater F - Floater S - Sinker G - Gas E - Evaporator D - Dissolver and combinations thereof	no interference no warning
1	Fp >93		slightly objectionable warning, no closure of amenity
2	60 < Fp ≤ 93		moderately objectionable possible closure of amenity
3	23 ≤ Fp ≤ 60		highly objectionable closure of amenity
4	Fp < 23		