

Seventh Meeting

Helsinki 11-14 February 1986

HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 7/9 *)

adopted 12 February 1986, having regard to
Article 13, Paragraph b) of the Helsinki Convention

**RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION BY THE BALTIC SEA STATES OF THE IMO
FORMAT FOR REPORTING ALLEGED INADEQUACY OF OILY WASTE RECEPTION FACILITIES
(MEPC/CIRC.160) AND THE APPLICATION OF A HELSINKI CONVENTION FORMAT FOR REPORTING
ALLEGED INADEQUACY OF RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR SEWAGE AND GARBAGE**

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING HELCOM Recommendation 3/4 concerning the application by the Baltic Sea States of the IMO format for reporting alleged inadequacy of reception facilities for oily waste (MEPC/Circ.60) and the application of a Helsinki Convention format for reporting alleged inadequacy of reception facilities for sewage and garbage,

RECALLING ALSO HELCOM Recommendation 6/11 concerning the application by the Baltic Sea States of a format for reporting difficulties encountered in the disposing of residues and mixtures containing noxious liquid substances,

RECALLING FURTHER the provisions of Regulations 7 and 8 of Annex IV to the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, (1974), Helsinki Convention, concerning sewage and garbage,

RECOGNIZING that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 22nd session agreed on a revised format for reporting alleged inadequacy of oily waste reception facilities, as contained in Document MEPC/Circ. 160),

NOTING that reporting of inadequate reception facilities in relation to Regulations 4, 7 and 8 of Annex IV to the Helsinki Convention, as initiated by HELCOM Recommendation 3/4, should be continued, in the case of reports on inadequate reception facilities for oily waste on the basis of the revised IMO format,

RECOGNIZING ALSO that the format contained in Document MEPC/Circ.160) will supersede the forms of reports on inadequate reception of oily waste as contained in Document MEPC/Circ.60,

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that agreed IMO forms of reports on Inadequate Reception Facilities for Sewage and Garbage are not available,

RECOMMENDS that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should:

- a) instruct ships flying their flag to report, in accordance with the format given in Document MEPC/Circ.160), which is attached as Attachment 1 to this Recommendation, any alleged

inadequacy of reception facilities for oily waste in ports when applying the provisions of Regulation 4 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention or the provisions of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78); and

- b) see to it that the master of a ship concerned should complete and submit the format to the administration in each instance when he has experienced difficulties in disposing of oily wastes to reception facilities;

RECOMMENDS ALSO that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should:

- c) instruct ships flying their flag to report in accordance with the format given in Attachment 2 to this Recommendation any inadequacy of reception facilities for sewage and garbage in ports of the Baltic Sea Area experienced when applying the Provisions of Regulations 7 and 8 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention; and

- d) see to it that the master of the ship concerned should complete and submit to the administration the form contained in Attachment 2 to this Recommendation in each instance when he has experienced difficulties in disposing of sewage and garbage to reception facilities;

RECOMMENDS FURTHER that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should, in addition to the procedures laid down in MEPC/Circ. 160):

- e) evaluate each report received, and where the allegation is considered justified, inform the Contracting Party in question and submit to the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission a summary report; and
- f) submit, when receiving such information from a Contracting Party, comments or other information on the alleged inadequacy, to the Contracting Party which has submitted the report and to the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission,

REQUESTS the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission to circulate information received under sub-paragraphs e) and f) above.

*) This Recommendation supersedes HELCOM Recommendation 3/4.

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FORMAT FOR REPORTING ALLEGED INADEQUACY OF OILY WASTE RECEPTION FACILITIES

The Master of a ship having difficulties discharging oily waste facilities should forward the information below, together with documentation, to the competent authority of the Flag State. to reception supporting

PORT PARTICULARS

A. COUNTRY:

B. NAME OF PORT OR TERMINAL: C. BERTH, TERMINAL OR JETTY: SHIP PARTICULARS

A. SHIP AND CALL SIGN:

B. CAPACITY SHIP'S SLUDGE HOLDING TANKS:

metric tons

C. CAPACITY SHIP'S OILY WATER HOLDING TANKS:

metric tons

PARTICULARS OF THE ALLEGED INADEQUACY

A. DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT:

B.

SPECIFICS OF INADEQUACY: Describe the specific difficulty with transferring waste to the reception facility such as inability to accept waste, undue delay because rate of transfer too slow, improper equipment for transfer of waste, etc.

C. EXPLANATION GIVEN BY PORT OR TERMINAL OPERATOR FOR INADEQUACY:

D. IF INADEQUACY WAS INABILITY TO ACCEPT WASTE, GIVE THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF WASTES UNABLE TO TRANSFER TO RECEPTION FACILITY:

TYPE OF WASTE

AMOUNT (metric tons)

E. IF WASTE HAD TO BE DISCHARGED AT ANOTHER PORT, TERMINAL OR BERTH SPECIFY THE NAME OF THE PORT, TERMINAL OR BERTH AND INDICATE WHETHER THIS INVOLVED DEVIATION:

F. TIME DELAYED IN PORT DUE TO INADEQUACY:

G. DATE AND TIME SHIP FIRST REQUESTED RECEPTION FACILITIES:

H. DATE AND TIME *OF* SHIP'S ARRIVAL:

I. DATE AND TIME *OF SHIP'S* DEPARTURE:

J. DID SHIP ARRIVE WITH ABNORMAL AMOUNTS OF WASTE FOR DISCHARGE: State reasons (e.g. lack of facilities in last port of call, length of sea passage, weather conditions, equipment failure, etc.)

K. LIST *OF* SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ENCLOSED: Provide copies of ship's log, oil record book, port/terminal notification requesting facilities, statements from port or terminal personnel, etc. ..

L. OTHER COMMENTS OR INFORMATION:

NAME AND SIGNATURE OF MASTER:

DATE SIGNED:

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FORM FOR REPORTING ALLEGED INADEQUACY OF RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR SEWAGE AND GARBAGE

1. Country

Name of Port or Area

Location in the port (e.g. berth/terminal/jetty) Date of Call

2. Type and amount of waste for discharge to facility

sewage m³

garbage m³

amount of waste not accepted by facility: above/other
m³

3. Special problems encountered

undue delay

inconvenient locality of facilities charges for

use of facilities

use of facility not technically possible other

4. Remarks: (e.g. information received from port authorities or operators of reception facilities: reasons given concerning 2 above)

5. Ship's particulars

Name of ship Owner or operator

Distinctive number or letters Port of registry

Number of persons on board:

Date of completion of form

Signature of Master