

ANNEX 10

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS TO REGULATIONS 18.5 AND 18.6 OF MARPOL ANNEX VI

NOTE: Paragraph 12.2 is new and concerns bunker delivery notes being acceptable in either hard copy or electronic format. The section below (section 12) will replace the existing section 12 in a further revision of MEPC.1/Circ.795 (i.e., MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.8).

12 Applicability of the requirements for a bunker delivery note

Regulation 18

Fuel oil availability and quality

Regulation 18.5 reads as follows:

"For each ship subject to regulations 5 and 6 of this Annex, details of fuel oil for combustion purposes delivered to and used on board shall be recorded by means of a bunker delivery note that shall contain at least the information specified in appendix V to this Annex."

Regulation 18.6 reads as follows:

"The bunker delivery note shall be kept on board the ship in such a place as to be readily available for inspection at all reasonable times. It shall be retained for a period of three years after the fuel oil has been delivered on board."

Interpretation:

12.1 For the application of these regulations, they should be interpreted as being applicable to all ships of 400 gross tonnage or above and, at the Administration's discretion, to ships of less than 400 gross tonnage.

12.2 The Bunker Delivery Note (BDN) required by regulation 18.5 is acceptable in either hard copy or electronic format provided it contains at least the information specified in appendix V to MARPOL Annex VI and is retained and made available on board in accordance with regulation 18.6. In addition, an electronic BDN should be protected from edits, modifications or revisions and authentication be possible by a verification method such as a tracking number, watermark, date and time stamp, QR code, GPS coordinates or other verification methods.
