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## IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION MEPC.107(49)

### Revised Guidelines and specifications for pollution prevention equipment for machinery space bilges of ships

1 MEPC 49 (July 2003) adopted the revised Guidelines and specifications for pollution prevention equipment for machinery space bilges of ships by resolution MEPC.107(49), which supersedes the recommendations contained in resolution MEPC.60(33). Governments are invited to implement the revised Guidelines from 1 January 2005.

2 Following a proposal for clarification on the applicability of the revised Guidelines, MEPC 52 (October 2004) agreed to the following interpretation of paragraphs 1.3.1.1 and 1.3.1.2 of the revised Guidelines (MEPC 52/24, paragraph 6.13):

- .1 under paragraph 1.3.1.1 of the revised Guidelines, installations fitted on or after 1 January 2005 to ships whose keels were laid **before** that date, NEED NOT meet the revised Guidelines; and
- .2 under paragraph 1.3.1.2 of the revised Guidelines, “new” installations should be interpreted as “**replacement**” installations and “fitted” should be interpreted as “**ordered**” on or after 1 January 2005, to ships whose keels were laid before 1 January 2005.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned.

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