

Use and Carriage of Heavy Oils in the Antarctic Area

Amended Rules

Rules for Marine Pollution Prevention Systems

Reason for Amendment

MARPOL Annex I specifies that the use and carriage of specific heavy oils are prohibited in the Antarctic Area. ClassNK has already incorporated this requirement into its Rules.

In response to a 2013 incident in which a fishing vessel carrying heavy fuel oil as ballast sank in the Antarctic Area, the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee agreed at its 67th Session (MEPC67) held in October 2014 to amend MARPOL Annex I so as to clarify that the prohibition of the carriage and use of heavy oils in the Antarctic Area includes the use of such oil as ballast. This amendment was adopted as IMO Resolution MEPC.256(67).

Accordingly, all relevant requirements were amended based upon MEPC.256(67).

Outline of Amendment

Specifies that use of specific heavy oils as ballast was prohibited in the Antarctic Area.