

Compliance with MARPOL 73/78 Annex I -Reg.37.4 Prompt Access to Shore-based Computer -Programs

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Sub: Compliance with MARPOL 73/78 Annex I Reg.37.4(Prompt Access to Shore-based Computer Programs).

Amendments to MARPOL 73/78 Annex I, notably the addition of a new Regulation 37.4, will enter into force on **1 January** 2007. In accordance to this Regulation, from 1 January 2007 onwards, all oil tankers of 5,000 tons deadweight or more will be required to have prompt access to shore-based computer programs for damage stability and residual structural strength calculations. This new requirements will apply to both new oil tankers as well as to existing oil tankers.

Such specialized (24 hrs) services may be provided by classification societies recognized by the Administration or by shipping companies with internal specialized resources.

Following criteria would be used to determine compliance with the requirements set out in regulation 37.4 of the revised Annex I to MARPOL 73/78:

1) Verification that a contract exists linking the ship with a shore-based firm, which is supplying these services. A duly signed copy of the contract between the Ship Operator and Shore Based Firm should be available onboard;

2) Classification Societies / Shipping Companies (Shore Based Firm) which are supplying these services should issue a statement indicating that it is capable of providing computer calculation capabilities as per the above-mentioned regulation.

Copy of this statement should be available onboard; and

3) Master shall have proper means available to access the shore-based firm at any time.

Compliance with said regulation will be recorded in the Supplement to the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate after verification during the Surveys (Initial, Annual, Intermediate and Renewal).

[\(Please see Annex to this Circular for details\)](#)

This issues with the approval of the Chief Surveyor with the Government of India.

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