

Engineering Circular No. 107/2009

NO: ENG/OPP-38(2)/97-Annex IV

Dated 31.03.2009

Subject: Amended deadline for the application of MARPOL, 73/78, Annex IV (Regulation for the Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships) requirements for all the ships, registered under Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, exclusively operating in Indian coast.

1. Further to the Engineering Circular No. 95/2008, it has been noted that some ship owners / operators have either failed or still in the process to comply with the provisions of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78. This is evident even after the lapse of three months extension period granted to them with effect from 27th September 2008 (the date applicable for existing vessels to comply with the provisions of Annex IV requirements i.e., five years after date of entry into force of the Annex IV which was 27th September, 2003).
2. Considering the present economic situation and the request of the ship owners / operators, the Director-General of Shipping has decided to grant a second and final extension of six months for complying with the provisions of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78. The extension period shall be reckoned from the date of the last extension granted in this respect or till the vessel's next date of scheduled dry-docking, whichever is earlier. In no case the dead line for compliance with Annex IV shall be permitted to cross beyond 15th July 2009.
3. All concerned ship owners / operators, operating vessels exclusively in the Indian coast, are hereby informed to positively ensure that all their vessels comply with the provisions of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 requirements and that their vessels are in possession of a valid Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate by 15th July 2009, failing which control measures such as detention of the vessels under flag state inspection shall be exercised by the Principal Officers of the Mercantile Marine Departments and consequential cancellation of trading license by the Directorate, if required.
4. It may be noted that none of the vessels, which are registered under Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and are 400 GT or above or less than 400 GT but carrying more than 15 persons shall be considered for exemption or any further extension of time to comply with the provisions of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.
5. This circular is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-officio Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India for the attention of all concerned for compliance with the provisions of Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.

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