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**AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 REVISED GUIDELINES FOR SYSTEMS FOR
HANDLING OILY WASTES IN MACHINERY SPACES OF SHIPS INCORPORATING
GUIDANCE NOTES FOR AN INTEGRATED BILGE WATER TREATMENT
SYSTEM (IBTS)**

1 MEPC 59 (13 to 20 July 2009), approved an amendment to the 2008 Revised Guidelines for systems for handling oily wastes in machinery spaces of ships incorporating guidance notes for an integrated bilge water treatment system (IBTS) (MEPC.1/Circ.642), which is consequential to the amendment to regulation 12.2.2 of MARPOL Annex I which it adopted at the same session and which is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2011 (MEPC 59/24, paragraph 5.17.2 and annex 23).

2 Following the above decision, paragraph 11.4 of the annex to MEPC.1/Circ.642 is amended to read as follows (added wording in **bold**):

“11.4 Oil residue (sludge) service tank

The oil residue (sludge) service tank should be listed under item 3.1 in the Supplement of the IOPP Certificate, as it is provided with means for drainage of water (disposal) and subsequent disposal of the oil residue (sludge) in the oil residue (sludge) incineration system.

The oil residue (sludge) service tank should be provided in addition to the oil residue (sludge) tank for oil residue (sludge) and other waste oils. It should be equipped with suitable drainage facilities **terminating as provided for in regulation 12.2.2 of MARPOL Annex I**. With a view to improving combustibility and calorific value, a fuel oil supply connection should be provided.”

2 Member Governments are invited to apply the 2008 Guidelines, as amended, and to bring this circular to the attention of interested parties, including recognized organizations.