

MPC 97 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) Management Plan

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MARPOL VI, Regulation 15.6 and 15.7

6 *A tanker carrying crude oil shall have on board and implement a VOC Management Plan approved by the Administration. Such a plan shall be prepared taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization. The plan shall be specific to each ship and shall at least:*

- .1 provide written procedures for minimizing VOC emissions during the loading, sea passage and discharge of cargo;*
- .2 give consideration to the additional VOC generated by crude oil washing;*
- .3 identify a person responsible for implementing the plan; and*
- .4 for ships on international voyages, be written in the working language of the master and officers and, if the working language of the master and officers is not English, French, or Spanish, include a translation into one of these languages.*

7 *This regulation shall also apply to gas carriers only if the type of loading and containment systems allow safe retention of non-methane VOCs on board or their safe return ashore.*

Interpretation

The requirement for a VOC Management Plan applies only to a tanker carrying crude oil.

Note:

1. This UI is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies from 1 August 2010.

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