



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MARPOL Annex VI Records

The objective of this MSN is to clarify the format of MARPOL VI Records that are approved by the Isle of Man Ship Registry.

Documents referred to in this notice:

MARPOL Annex VI as revised by Resolution MEPC 176(58)

Most regulations and notices are available on the Isle of Man Government web site: www.iomshipregistry.com or by contacting marine.survey@gov.im

Introduction

MARPOL Annex VI, as revised by Resolution MEPC.176(58) requires that specific actions on board be recorded in relation to Ozone Depleting Substances and Low Sulphur Fuel Oil.

Regulation VI/12.6 requires that ships which have rechargeable systems that contain ozone depleting substances shall maintain an Ozone Depleting Substances Record Book. This Record Book may form part of an existing log-book or electronic recording system as approved by the Administration.

Regulation VI/12.7 requires that entries are made in respect of Ozone Depleting Substances when specific actions are carried out such as supply, charge & discharge of system, repair & maintenance.

Regulation VI/14.6 requires that the volume of low sulphur fuel oils in each tank as well as the date, time, and position of the ship when any fuel-oil-change-over operation is completed prior to the entry into an Emission Control Area or commenced after exit from such an area, shall be recorded in such log-book as prescribed by the Administration.

Regulation VI/18.8.1 requires that the representative sample is to be sealed and signed by the supplier's representative and the master or officer in charge of the bunkering operation on completion of bunkering operations and retained under the ship's control until the fuel oil is substantially consumed, but in any case for a period of not less than 12 months from the time of delivery.

Records which are approved by the Isle of Man Ship Registry

The Engine Room Log Book or alternatively the Oil Record Book Part I are acceptable places to record MARPOL Annex VI operations.

However it has been advised that some ships find this problematical, due to lack of space when making frequent entries. Therefore ideally records should be maintained in a single 'MARPOL ANNEX VI Record Book' for all operations relevant to MARPOL Annex VI. This should have 5 sections as follows:-:

- Section 1 to record the Tracking and Control for the representative (MARPOL) Fuel Oil samples
- Section 2 to document any necessary custody transfer of the representative fuel oil sample
- Section 3 to record the receipt and storage of Low Sulphur Fuel Oil. This does not replace the record of bunkering operations in the Oil Record Book Part I, as required by MARPOL Annex I.
- Section 4 to record the changeover for Low Sulphur Fuel operation
- Section 5 to record operations related to Ozone Depleting Substances

All entries should identify the person making the record, date and time of recording, position of vessel and evidence of review and endorsement by the Chief Engineer or Master as appropriate.

The Isle of Man Ship Registry does not produce 'MARPOL Annex VI Books', similar to the Oil Record Books for MARPOL ANNEX I. Companies may produce their own or use any book which follows the above format.

Alternative methods of recording

Electronic recording systems are acceptable to be used on board, provided that there is a facility on board for electronic back up, identification of person making the record, date and time of recording, position of vessel and evidence of review and endorsement by the Chief Engineer or Master as appropriate. In addition a facility to print out the records is also necessary.

Other paper systems which achieve a similar standard of recording to the 'MARPOL Annex VI Record Book' as outlined above are acceptable to the Isle of Man Ship Registry.

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