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# Amendments of reference line of the required EEDI

The amendments to MARPOL VI were adopted to increase the reference line for ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships which have difficulties to comply with phase 2 requirements.

Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators | Flag Administrations | Surveyors / Auditors

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The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) adopted the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI through [MEPC.301\(72\)](#) and are applicable for ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships.

The amendments concerning the new parameters from phase 2 increase the reference line by 20% and introduce a DWT threshold value for larger ro-ro cargo ships of 17,000 DWT and ro-pax of 10,000 DWT. In table 2 (Parameters for determination of reference values for the different ship types) of paragraph 3, rows 2.34 and 2.35 for ro-ro cargo ships and ro-ro passenger ships are replaced by the following:

2.34 Ro-ro cargo ship	1405.15	DWT of the ship	0.498
	1686.17*	DWT of the ship where $DWT \leq 17,000^*$ 17,000 where $DWT > 17,000^*$	
2.35 Ro-ro passenger ship	752.16	DWT of the ship	0.381
	902.59*	DWT of the ship where $DWT \leq 10,000^*$ 10,000 where $DWT > 10,000^*$	
* to be used from phase 2 and thereafter.			

The amendments shall enter into force on September 01, 2019 and will apply for phase 2 and onwards, i.e.

- the building contract is placed on or after January 01, 2020; or
- the building contract is placed before January 01, 2020, and the delivery is on or after January 01. 2024; or

in the absence of a building contract,

- the keel is laid, or the ship is at a similar stage of construction, on or after July 01, 2020; or
- the keel is laid, or the ship is at a similar stage of construction, before July 01, 2020, and the delivery is on or after January 01, 2024.

### Act now

Shipowners / Managers / Operators should take into consideration above amendments concerning the new parameters for determination of reference values of the EEDI to their ships, as applicable, prior to entry into force.

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