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Panama Oil Record Book and Emissions (Amendments and Guidelines)

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Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators / Surveyors/ Auditors

This circular is issued to advise that the Panama Maritime Authority has reissued their Merchant Marine Circular MMC-215, giving guidance on the proper upkeep of the current Panama official Oil Record Book, now named Oil Record Book and Emissions, in accordance with MARPOL 73/78 as amended.

This Record Book contains amendments to the previous Oil Record Book Part I & Part II, stipulated under Resolution MEPC 187(59) which entered into force on 01 January, 2011. It also has instructions (Part III) for recording actions carried out on board, in accordance with Resolution MEPC 176(58) which entered into force on 01 July, 2010, and Resolution MEPC 271(69) which entered into force on 01 September, 2017. These instructions relate to:

- Ozone depleting substances.
- Low sulphur fuel oil.
- Vapor collection system (in tankers).
- Incinerators.
- Record requirements for operational compliance with NOx Tier III emission control areas.

The circular provides hyperlinks which lead to instructions on how to complete each of the three parts of the “Oil Record Book and Emissions” viz:

- [Part I – Machinery Space Operations \(All Ships\).](#)
- [Part II – Cargo and Ballast Operations \(Tankers\).](#)
- [Part III – Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships \(All Ships\).](#)

It should be noted that Part III contains a correction to the metric system for reporting density of SO_x, the corrected unit of measurement is Kg/m³.

The circular notes that the [IMO MEPC1/Circ.736/Rev.2](#) provides advice and examples on recording operations in Part I of the Oil record Book.

Act now

All Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Surveyors / Auditors should take careful note of the Circular, and ensure that the Oil Record Book and Emissions are recorded accurately and in the required format.