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## RESUBMISSION OF PRODUCTS LISTED IN LISTS 2 AND 3 OF THE MEPC.2 CIRCULAR ON PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE

- The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its seventy-fourth session (13 to 17 May 2019), and the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 101st session (5 to 14 June 2019), adopted amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (the IBC Code) by resolutions MEPC.318(74) and MSC.460(101), respectively.
- 2 MEPC 74 also adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex II by resolution MEPC.315(74), to strengthen, in specified sea areas, discharge requirements for cargo residues and tank washings containing persistent floating products with a high-viscosity and/or a high melting point following concerns about the environmental impact of permissible discharges.
- In the amendments to the IBC Code, all products in chapters 17 and 18 of the IBC Code have been reassessed against the revised chapter 21 of the Code (Criteria for assigning carriage requirements for products subject to the IBC Code), the criteria for the new discharge requirements in MARPOL Annex II and the latest GESAMP Hazard Profiles for the products.
- The Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR), at its seventh session (17 to 21 February 2020), agreed that the products contained in Lists 2 and 3 of the MEPC.2 circular on *Provisional categorization of liquid substances in accordance with MARPOL Annex II and the IBC Code* should also be reassessed in a similar manner as the products contained in chapters 17 and 18 of the Code.
- Therefore, PPR 7 also agreed to set an expiry date to all products in Lists 2 and 3 of the MEPC.2 circular in order to have all products reassessed by 31 December 2025. Any product that has not been reassessed by the deadline will be deleted from the List and can no longer be shipped.
- PPR 7 further agreed to invite Administrations to request their manufacturers to review their products in order to assess whether any changes in the carriage requirements would be necessary, taking into account the revised chapter 21 to the IBC Code, the latest GESAMP Hazard Profiles and the revised MARPOL Annex II requirements. Thereafter the manufacturer should inform their Administration of the composition of their products and whether or not updated carriage requirements need to be assigned to the products.



- 7 The Administration should thereafter inform the Organization as follows:
  - .1 for products no longer shipped that can, therefore, be deleted from the MEPC.2 circular on *Provisional categorization of liquid substances in accordance with MARPOL Annex II and the IBC Code*, a notification would be sufficient;
  - .2 for products assessed and where the carriage requirements would remain the same, a notification of the assessment would be sufficient; and
  - .3 for products assessed and where the carriage requirements would change, submission of a document with a filled-in PPR Product Data Reporting Form annexed to it would be necessary.
- 8 Member States and international organizations are invited to bring this information to the attention of all parties concerned.