

Order no. 253 of 1 April 1997

Order on the Development, Content and Approval of Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans

The following shall be laid down pursuant to section 37(3), and section 48 of Act no. 476 of 30 June 1993 on the Protection of the Marine Environment (*lov om beskyttelse af havmiljøet*) as subsequently amended by Act no. 394 of 22 May 1996:

1.-(1) Every oil tanker of 150 gross tonnage and above and every ship other than an oil tanker of 400 gross tonnage and above shall prepare a shipboard oil pollution emergency plan in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in Resolution MEPC 54 (32) »Guidelines for the development of shipboard oil pollution emergency plans«.

(2) The emergency plan shall be developed by the owner or operator of the ship.

(3) The plan shall be in the working language used on board the ship and shall include

- 1) The procedure to be followed by the master to report an oil pollution incident,
- 2) a list of authorities or persons to be contacted in the event of an oil pollution incident,
- 3) a detailed description of the action to be taken immediately by persons on board to reduce or control the discharge of oil following the incident, and
- 4) the procedures and point of contact on the ship for coordinating shipboard action with national and local authorities in combating pollution.

2. If the emergency plan has not been developed pursuant to the example in Appendix II of the Resolution MEPC 54 (32), a reference list shall be enclosed with the application, which makes it readily possible to compare the content of the emergency plan with the index in Appendix II.

3. The emergency plan shall be submitted to the Danish Maritime Authority and shall be approved by either the Danish Maritime Authority or a classification society duly authorised by the Danish Maritime Authority.

4. This Executive Order shall enter into force on 15 April 1997.

The Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy, 1 April 1997

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