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COMPLIANCE OF U.S. FLAG VESSELS WITH MARPOL 73/78 ANNEX VI; PREVENTION OF AIR POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

Beginning 08 January, 2009, Coast Guard Marine Inspectors will begin enforcing MARPOL Annex VI for all U.S. inspected, uninspected, and all foreign flag vessels over 400 gross tons operating in U.S. waters. Vessels constructed before 08 January 2009 MUST have a valid International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) and its associated Engine International Air Pollution Prevention (EIAPP) Certificate. Certificates are required no later than the first scheduled dry-docking after 08 January 2009, but in no case later than 08 January, 2012.

An EIAPP certificate is the internationally accepted documentation that a specific engine meets the International Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) emission required by Regulation 13 of Annex VI. Vessels engaged on an international voyage constructed on or after January 1, 2000 with engines exceeding 130kW/175 horsepower should have a valid EIAPP Certificate issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Vessel operators can obtain the EIAPP Certificate from the engine manufacturer. If the engine manufacturer is no longer in business, then the vessel operator should work directly with the EPA to obtain the EIAPP Certificate. EIAPP is not required for engines installed before January 1, 2000 (unless the engine went through major modification), or if it is used exclusively for emergency purposes (e.g., lifeboats, emergency diesel generators, regardless of the installation date).

For U.S. Government owned ships operated by the Military Sealift Command (MSC), OCMIs may issue Annex VI Statement of Voluntary Compliance (SOVC) certificates (USCG Form CG-6056B and CG-6056C) in lieu of the IAPP Certificate and its supplement.

Uninspected vessels over 400 gross tons on International Voyage such as fish processor, tug/tow, research, and fishing vessels must demonstrate compliance with Annex VI through possession of an IAPP Certificate, as per regulation 6 of Annex VI. Upon request, the OCMi will issue an IAPP Certificate. It is the responsibility of the vessel's owner to contact the OCMi to schedule IAPP survey.



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Inspected vessels less than 400 gross tons on international voyage with engines regulated under Regulation 13 of Annex VI will receive an endorsement on the Certificate of Inspection provided the vessel complies with the provision of Annex VI. Vessels should have a valid EIAPP Certificate issued by the EPA/manufacturer.

If you have any further questions, please contact (William DeCamp CWO3, +65 6750 2628, William.decamp@uscg.mil).

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