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HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 14/6

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having regard to Article 13, Paragraph b)
of the Helsinki Convention

**GUIDELINES FOR THE MINIMUM THROUGHPUT OF OILY-WATER SEPARATING EQUIPMENT
ON BOARD SHIPS**

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING Regulation 4 of Annex IV of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974, (Helsinki Convention), concerning prevention of pollution by oil,

RECALLING ALSO Regulation 10 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 concerning methods for prevention of oil pollution from ships while operating in special areas,

BEARING IN MIND that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO intends to adopt at its thirty-third session amendments to Resolution A.393 - Test Specification for the Type Approval of Pollution Prevention Equipment for Machinery Space Bilges,

RECOGNIZING the need for the standardization of the minimum throughput of oily-water separating equipment,

RECOMMENDS, that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention, while awaiting Guidelines approved by IMO, apply the attached Guidelines for the oily-water separating equipment for ships the keel of which is laid on or after 1 October 1993.

Attachment

These guidelines are applicable to oily-water separating equipment in order to meet the requirements of the Helsinki Convention.

Gross Tonnage *)	Minimum throughput of the system (m ³ /h)
400 and above but less than 1,600	0.5
1,600 and above but less than 4,000	1.0
4,000 and above but less than 15,000	2.5
15,000 and above	5.0

Having due regard to the design and complexity of the machinery arrangement higher throughput of the system may be necessary.

*) Convention on Tonnage Measurement, 1969