

CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF THE BALTIC SEA AREA

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**HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 6/11**

adopted 13 March 1985, having regard to Article 13, Paragraph b) of the Helsinki Convention

**RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION BY THE BALTIC SEA STATES OF A FORMAT FOR REPORTING DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THE DISPOSING OF RESIDUES AND MIXTURES CONTAINING NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES**

**THE COMMISSION,**

**RECALLING** Paragraph H of Regulation 5 of Annex IV of the Convention on the Protection of Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1974, (Helsinki Convention), concerning the establishment of Reception Facilities in Ports for the Reception of Residues and Mixtures Containing Noxious Liquid Substances,

**RECALLING ALSO** HELCOM Recommendation 3/4 concerning the application by the Baltic Sea States of the IMCO format for reporting alleged inadequacy of reception facilities for oily waste (MEPC/Circ. 60) and the application of a Helsinki Convention format for reporting alleged inadequacy of reception facilities for sewage and garbage,

**NOTING** that Regulation 5 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention will enter into force on 1 January 1986,

**NOTING ALSO** that reporting of difficulties encountered in the reception of residues and mixtures containing noxious liquid substances should be initiated in order to bring the Contracting Parties' attention to any such difficulty,

**RECOMMENDS** that Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should:

- a) instruct ships flying their flag to report in accordance with the format given in the Attachment to this Recommendation any difficulty encountered in the disposing of residues and mixtures containing noxious liquid substances in ports of the Baltic Sea Area experienced when applying the Provisions of Regulation 5, Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention;
- b) see to it that the master of the ship concerned should complete and submit, through the shipowner, to the administration the form contained in the Attachment to this Recommendation in each instance when he has experienced difficulties in disposing of residues and mixtures containing noxious liquid substances to reception facilities;
- c) evaluate each report received, and where the difficulty encountered is considered justified, it should inform the Contracting Parties in question and the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission in form of a summary report; and
- d) submit, when receiving such information, comments or other information relating to the difficulties encountered, to the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission for further transmission to the Contracting Parties.

FORM FOR REPORTING DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THE DISPOSING OF RESIDUES AND MIXTURES CONTAINING NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES

1. Country

Name of Port or Area Location in the port  
(e.g. berth/terminal/jetty)

Date of Call

Unloading port  Loading port  Shipyard

2. Type of waste for discharge to facility

// from prewash including the washing procedure for Category A substances, as contained in Sub-Paragraph 1 of Paragraph D of Regulation 5 of Annex IV to the Helsinki Convention

// from full washing procedure

// from full washing procedure in case of backloading

containing residues of

category A

// Category B

// Category C

// Category D

3. Amount of waste for discharges to facility

/ Category A \*) m<sup>3</sup>

// Category B \*) m<sup>3</sup>

// Category C \*) m<sup>3</sup>

// Category D

\*) m<sup>3</sup>

Amount of waste not accepted by facility

/-/ above/other

\*) m<sup>3</sup>

\*) name of substance

#### 4. Special problems encountered

// reception denied /-/ undue delay inconvenient locality of facilities

JJ use of facility not technically possible // other

Specify particulars of problems marked above:  
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5. Remarks: (e.g. information received from port authorities or operators of reception facilities giving reasons concerning 3. above)

6. Ship's particulars Name of ship Owner or operator Distinctive number of letters Port of registry

Date of completion of form

Signature of Master & Name in block letters

Ship's stamp, if any