

**E**

4 ALBERT EMBANKMENT
LONDON SE1 7SR
Telephone: +44 (0)20 7735 7611

Circular Letter No.5193
19 May 2026

To: All IMO Members
Parties to the MARPOL Convention which are not Members of IMO

Subject: **Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI**

1 MEPC 84 (27 April to 1 May 2026) considered and approved draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI on the installation of pressure-vacuum devices on tankers carrying crude oil, with a view to adoption at MEPC 85 (30 November to 3 December 2026).

2 The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith, in accordance with article 16(2)(a) of the MARPOL Convention, the text of the draft amendments referred to above and set out in the annex, with a view to its consideration for adoption at MEPC 85, in accordance with articles 16(2)(b), (c) and (d) of said Convention.

ANNEX

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEX VI

(Installation of pressure-vacuum devices on tankers carrying crude oil)

Regulation 15

Volatile organic compounds

- 1 A new paragraph 8 is added after paragraph 7 as follows:

"8 For a tanker carrying crude oil constructed on or after [date of entry into force of the amendments], where pressure-vacuum devices are installed in accordance with regulation 11.6.1 of SOLAS chapter II-2, such devices shall have an opening pressure of not less than 0.20 bar gauge."

Appendix I

Form of International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) Certificate (regulation 8)

Supplement to the International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (IAPP Certificate)

- 2 A new paragraph 2.4.2.3 is added after paragraph 2.4.2.2 as follows:

"2.4.2.3 For a tanker carrying crude oil constructed on or after [date of entry into force of the amendments], pressure-vacuum devices that are fitted in accordance with regulation 15.8..... □ "
