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CIRCULAR TO SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND ALL RELEVANT PARTIES.

**Prevention of pollution from oil tankers carrying heavy grade oil as cargo.**  
**MARPOL Annex I, Reg.13H**

1. Attention is drawn to owners and operators of tankers between 600 and 5000 tons deadweight used for carriage of “ heavy grade oils”. These vessels will be effected by MARPOL Annex I Regulation 13H (13H 1a).
2. Vessels in this category are to comply with regulation 13F (Double hull requirements) by the anniversary date of delivery in 2008 (13H 4b)
3. The Administration may exempt a tanker above 600 tons deadweight from complying with this regulation if it is engaged exclusively in Malaysian waters (13H 7a)
4. For the purpose of this regulation ‘Heavy grade Oils’ mean any of the following (13H 2 a-c):
  - i) crude oils having a density at 15°C higher than 900kg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - ii) fuel oils having a density at 15°C higher than 900kg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - iii) bitumen, tar and their emulsions.
5. The Administration may however allow continued operation of tankers between 600 – 5000 tons deadweight carrying heavy grade oil as cargo beyond the date specified in (2) above, if in the opinion of the Administration the ship is fit to continue such operation, having regards to the size, age, operational area and structural condition of the ship, provided that the age of the ship shall not go beyond 25 years after the date of delivery.(13H 6b)
6. As such, owners of effected vessels are requested to inform SCM head office of the grade of oil that is being carried on their vessel. We are in the process of renewing the ‘Form B’ of the IOPP certificate and this information will be required to make the necessary amendments. Owners are advised to provide the required information as soon as possible.

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