

PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA ACT
(CHAPTER 243, SECTIONS 15, 16 AND 34)

PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (REPORTING OF
POLLUTION INCIDENTS) REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations.

PART I

POLLUTION FROM SHIPS

Duty to report

2. A report under section 15 of the Act shall be made when an incident involves the following:

- (a) a discharge above the permitted level or probable discharge of oil or of noxious liquid substances for whatever reason including those for the purpose of securing the safety of the ship or for saving life at sea;
- (b) a discharge or probable discharge of harmful substances in packaged form, including those in freight containers, portable tanks, road and rail vehicles and shipborne barges;
- (c) damage, failure or breakdown of a ship of 15 metres in length or above which —
 - (i) affects the safety of the ship; including but not limited to collision, grounding, fire, explosion, structural failure, flooding and cargo shifting; or
 - (ii) results to impairment of the safety of navigation; including but not limited to, failure or breakdown of steering gear, propulsion plant, electrical generating system and essential shipborne navigational aids; or
- (d) a discharge during the operation of the ship of oil or noxious liquid substances in excess of the quantity or instantaneous rate permitted under the Convention.

Report to be made without delay

3.—(1) A report of any incident referred to in regulation 2 shall be made without delay and to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the requirements of regulations 4 and 6.

(2) In the event of a report from such a ship being incomplete or unobtainable, the owner shall, to the fullest extent practicable, make or complete the report required under section 15 of the Act.

Contents of reports

4. The report or the initial report if there is more than one shall in every case include —

- (a) the identity of ship or ships involved;
- (b) the time, type and location of incident;
- (c) the quantity and type of oil or substance involved; and
- (d) the assistance or salvage measures required or being undertaken.

Supplementary reports

5. Any person required under regulation 2 or 3(2) to make a report shall, if possible, make such a supplementary report or reports as may be appropriate in the circumstances —

- (a) supplementing the information contained in the initial report as necessary;
- (b) providing information concerning further developments; and
- (c) complying as fully as possible with any request for additional information made by or on behalf of the government of a state whose interests may be affected by the incident.

Reporting procedures

6.—(1) Reports required under this Part shall be made by the fastest telecommunication channels available with the highest possible priority to the maritime authorities of the closest coastal state and if the incident occurs in Singapore waters, such reports shall be made to the Director or the Port Master.

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(2) In case of a discharge or probable discharge of harmful substances in freight containers, the report required by regulation 2(b) must be made in accordance with the requirements on danger messages as provided for in Regulations 31 and 32 of

Chapter V of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations (Rg 11).

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PART II

POLLUTION FROM LAND OR APPARATUS

Application

7. This Part shall apply to —

- (a) any place having permanent means of loading or discharging oil, oily mixture, noxious liquid substance or a mixture containing such substance; and
- (b) any apparatus used for transferring oil, oily mixture, noxious liquid substance or a mixture containing such substance.

Duty to report

8. If any actual or probable discharge into Singapore waters of oil, an oily mixture, noxious liquid substance or a mixture containing such substance occurs from a place on land or an apparatus used for transferring oil, oily mixture, noxious liquid substance or a mixture containing such substance from or to a ship, the occupier of the place on land or the person in charge of the apparatus, as the case may be, shall report to the Port Master the details of the incident without delay and to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the requirements of regulation 9.

Contents of report

9. The report or initial report if there is more than one referred to in regulation 8 shall in every case include —

- (a) the time, type and location of the incident;
- (b) the quantity and type of substance involved; and
- (c) the assistance requested or that has been sought or the measures that have been or are being taken to mitigate the situation.

Supplementary reports

10. The occupier of the place on land or the person in charge of the apparatus, as the case may be, who is required to make a report in accordance with regulation 9 shall make such a supplementary report or reports as may be appropriate in the circumstances —

- (a) supplementing the information contained in the initial report as necessary;
- (b) providing information concerning further developments; and
- (c) complying as fully as possible with any request for additional information made by the Port Master.

Reporting procedures

11. Reports required under this Part shall be made by the fastest telecommunication channels available with the highest possible priority to the Port Master.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (REPORTING OF
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations. It is not part of these Regulations.

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2. 1990 Revised Edition — Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations

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3. G. N. No. S 391/1997 — Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) (Amendment) Regulations 1997

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4. 2001 Revised Edition — Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations

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