



Amendment of Article 5.3 of the Fund Convention

In accordance with Article 5.4 of the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971 (Fund Convention), the Assembly of the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (IOPC Fund) decided at its 18th session, held from 17 to 20 October 1995, to include the May 1994 Amendments to SOLAS 74, adopted on 23 May 1994 by the Conference of Contracting Governments to SOLAS 74 (Conference Resolution 1), and some of the Amendments covered by Resolution MSC.31(63) (those relating to Regulation V/8-1 and Regulation V/15-1), adopted on 23 May 1994 by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, in the list of instruments contained in Article 5.3(a) of the Fund Convention, with effect from 1 May 1996.

As of 1 May 1996, Article 5.3 of the Fund Convention will therefore read as follows:

5.3 The Fund may be exonerated wholly or partially from its obligations under paragraph 1 towards the owner and his guarantor if the Fund proves that as a result of the actual fault or privity of the owner:

- (a) the ship from which the oil causing the pollution damage escaped did not comply with the requirements laid down in:
- (i) the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and as amended by Resolutions MEPC.14(20), MEPC.47(31), MEPC.51(32) and MEPC.52(32) adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization on 7 September 1984, 4 July 1991, 6 March 1992 and 6 March 1992 respectively; or
 - (ii) the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and as amended by Resolutions MSC.1(XLV), MSC.6(48), MSC.13(57) and MSC.27(61) and, as regards Regulations V/8-1 and V/15-1, by Resolution MSC.31(63) adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization on 20 November 1981, 17 June 1983, 11 April 1989, 11 December 1992 and 23 May 1994, respectively, and as amended by Resolution 1 adopted on 9 November 1988 by the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 on the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System and as amended by Resolution 1 adopted on 23 May 1994 by the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974; or
 - (iii) the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966; or
 - (iv) the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972; or
 - (v) any amendments to the above-mentioned Conventions which have been determined as being of an important nature in accordance with Article XVI(5) of the Convention mentioned under (i), Article IX(e) of the Convention mentioned under (ii) or Article 29(3)(d) or (4)(d) of the Convention mentioned under (iii), provided, however, that such amendments had been in force for at least twelve months at the time of the incident;
- and
- (b) the incident or damage was caused wholly or partially by such non-compliance.

The provisions of this paragraph shall apply irrespective of whether the Contracting State in which the ship was registered or whose flag it was flying is a Party to the relevant Instrument.