



# Merchant Marine **Notice**

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Control and Compliance Department

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## SHIPS OF LESS THAN 400 GRT OIL RETENTION ARRANGEMENTS

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1. As established in Regulation 14.4 of Annex I, MARPOL 73/78, the Administration shall ensure that ships of less than 400 gross tonnage are equipped, as far as practicable, to retain on board oil or oily mixtures or discharge them in accordance with the requirements of regulation 15.6 of the Annex.
2. Taking into consideration that the requirements of regulations 14.1 and 14.2, of Annex I MARPOL 73/78 shall not apply to vessel of less than 400 gross tonnage, for which the control of oil discharge shall be performed by the retention of oil on board with subsequent discharge to reception facilities; this Administration requires that all vessels of less than 400 GRT shall have arrangements of a tank that shall have the capacity necessary to retain onboard oil or oily mixtures. The total capacity of this tank shall be in accordance with the activities of the vessel.
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4. If a vessel of less than 400 gross tonnage decides to install onboard an equipment that ensures that the oil content of the effluent without dilution does not exceed 15 parts per million it shall comply with the requirements of Regulation 14.6 of Annex I, MARPOL 73/78.

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