MARPOL - Oil Record Book Entries - Further Revised Guidance
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Although updated only recently, the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee’s “Guidance for the Recording of Operations in the Oil Record Book Part 1 – Machinery Space Operations (All Ships)” contained in MEPC.1/Circ.736/Rev.01 has been revoked and replaced by a new revised edition: MEPC.1/Circ.736/Rev.02.

The new revised guidance is intended to ensure compliance with MARPOL requirements for making entries in the Oil Record Book (ORB) Part 1 – Machinery Space Operations, and includes examples of ORB entries showing the correct use of the different codes and item numbers, along with explanatory notes.

Members are advised to forward the IMO guidance document to their vessels to ensure compliance with the updated requirements. Port State Control Officers often inspect the ORB to ensure that the information it contains is accurate, and any discrepancies may trigger a more detailed investigation. In the event of serious ORB discrepancies being found the vessel may be detained and, in certain jurisdictions, crewmembers and managers/owners may be exposed to civil and/or criminal penalties.

Members requiring further guidance should contact the Loss Prevention department.