ANNEX 8

RESOLUTION MEPC.257(67)

Adopted on 17 October 2014

AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Amendment to MARPOL Annex III

(Amendment to the appendix on criteria for the identification of harmful
substances in packaged form)

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization
concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it
by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

NOTING article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from
Ships, 1973 ("1973 Convention") and article VI of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the
which together specify the amendment procedure of the 1978 Protocol and confer upon the
appropriate body of the Organization the function of considering and adopting amendments
to the 1973 Convention, as modified by the 1978 Protocol (MARPOL),

HAVING CONSIDERED proposed amendments to Annex III of MARPOL, developed by the
Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC), at its
eighteenth session,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention, amendments
to Annex III of MARPOL, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that
the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2015 unless, prior
to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of
which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world’s merchant fleet, have
communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments;

3 INVITES the Parties to note that, in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the 1973 Convention, the said amendments shall enter into force on 1 March 2016 upon their
acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, in conformity with article 16(2)(e) of the
1973 Convention, to transmit to all Parties to MARPOL, certified copies of the present
resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex;

5 REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to transmit to the Members of the
Organization which are not Parties to MARPOL copies of the present resolution and
its annex.
ANNEX

AMENDMENT TO MARPOL ANNEX III

(Amendment to the appendix on criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form)

MARPOL Annex III
Regulations for the prevention of pollution by harmful substances carried by sea in packaged form

Appendix
Criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form

The chapeau of the appendix is replaced by the following:

“For the purpose of this Annex, substances, other than radioactive materials, identified by any one of the following criteria are harmful substances”. 

* Refer to class 7, as defined in chapter 2.7 of the IMDG Code
** The criteria are based on those developed by the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), as amended. For definitions of acronyms or terms used in this appendix, refer to the relevant paragraphs of the IMDG Code.”

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