



RESOLUTION MSC.150(77)- RECOMMENDATION FOR MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS FOR MARPOL ANNEX I CARGOES AND MARINE FUEL OILS

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Applicable to: Ship owners, managers, operators, agents, masters, crew members, surveyors and operators of oil handling facilities

This circular informs the Shipping Community of Resolution MSC.150(77) and urges the Community to follow the recommendation in the resolution.

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of IMO, having considered the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Bulk Liquids and Gases at its eight session (BLG 8) adopted Resolution MSC.150(77) (see **Attachment A**) on 2 Jun 03. The resolution in the form of guidelines prescribes the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for marine use suitable to meet the particular needs of the marine industry containing safety, handling and environmental information to be supplied to a ship prior to loading of MARPOL Annex I cargoes and marine fuel oils. It also prescribes guidelines for the completion of MSDS for the MARPOL Annex I type cargoes and marine fuel oils.

2.BLG 9 (2005) subsequently decided to develop mandatory requirements for the use of MSDS for ships carrying Annex I type cargoes and marine fuels, and sought proposals/feedback from the industry.

3.BLG 10, having considered the proposals decided not to amend Res. MSC 150(77) since it was consistent with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals and agreed to proceed with making the carriage of MSDS mandatory for the transport of MARPOL Annex I cargoes and marine fuel oils. BLG 10 drafted a new SOLAS regulation VI/5-1 dealing with the matter for submission to MSC 82 (Nov 06) for approval and subsequent adoption.

4.Resolution MSC.150(77) urges Governments to ensure the supply and carriage of MSDS for MARPOL Annex I cargoes and marine fuel oils. The Shipping Community is urged to follow the recommendation in Resolution MSC.150(77) pending the decision of MSC to make the resolution mandatory.

5.Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr Zafrul Alam (Tel: 63756204).

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[Attachment A](#)