

RESOLUTION MEPC.29(25)

adopted on 1 December 1987

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

(Designation of the Gulf of Aden as a Special Area)

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

NOTING the functions which article 16 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "1973 Convention") and resolution A.297(VIII) confer on the Marine Environment Protection Committee for the consideration and adoption of amendments to the 1973 Convention.

NOTING FURTHER article VI of the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "1978 Protocol").

HAVING CONSIDERED at its twenty-fifth session amendments to the 1978 Protocol proposed and circulated in accordance with article 16(2)(a) of the 1973 Convention.

1. ADOPTS in accordance with article 16(2)(d) of the 1973 Convention amendments to the Annex of the 1978 Protocol, 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 October 1988 unless prior to this date one third or more of the Parties or the Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute fifty per cent or more of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objections to the amendments;
3. INVITES the Parties to note that in accordance with article 16(2)(g)(ii) of the 1973 Convention the amendments shall enter into force on 1 April 1989 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 the 1978 Protocol certified copies, of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the Annex;
5. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit to the Members of the Organization which are not Parties to the 1978 Protocol copies of the resolution and its Annex.

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ANNEX I

Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Oil Regulation 10

Methods for the Prevention of Oil Pollution from Ships while operating in Special Areas

The existing text of paragraph (1) is replaced by the following:

"(1) For the purposes of this Annex the special areas are the Mediterranean Sea area, the Baltic Sea area, the Black Sea area, the Red Sea area, the "Gulfs area" and the Gulf of Aden area, which are defined as follows:

- (a) The Mediterranean Sea area means the Mediterranean Sea proper including the gulfs and seas therein with the boundary between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea constituted by the 41° N parallel and bounded to the west by the Straits of Gibraltar at the meridian of 5°36'W.
- (b) The Baltic Sea area means the Baltic Sea proper with the Gulf of Bothnia, the Gulf of Finland and the entrance to the Baltic Sea bounded by the parallel of the Skaw in the Skagerrak at 57° 44.8'N.
- (c) The Black Sea area means the Black Sea proper with the boundary between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea constituted by the parallel 41° N.
- (d) The Red Sea area means the Red Sea proper including the Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba bounded at the south by the rhumb line between Ras si Ane (12°28.5'N, 43°19.6'E) and Husn Murad (12°40.4'N, 43°30.2'E).

(e) The Gulfs area means the sea area located north west of the rhumb line between Ras a1 Hadd (22° 30'N, 59° 48'E) and Ras Al Fasteh (25°04'N, 61°25'E).

(f) The Gulf of Aden area means that part of the Gulf of Aden between the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea bounded to the west by the rhumb line between Ras si Ane (12° 40.4'N, 43° 30.2'E) and Husn Murad (11° 50'N, 51° 16.9'E) and to the east by the rhumb line between Ras Asir (15°35'N, 52°13.8'E)."

The existing text of paragraph 7(b) is replaced by the following:

"(b) Red Sea area, Gulfs area and Gulf of Aden area:".
