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## Guidance document for the recording operations in the Oil Record Book Part I

This Marine Notice advises of the availability of guidance for the recording of operations in the Oil Record Book Part I – machinery space operations (all ships), prepared and issued by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The guidance document assists compliance with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) requirements on board ships by providing advice to crews on how to record the various operations in the Oil Record Book, in particular by using the correct codes and item numbers in order to ensure a more uniform port State control procedure.

The guidelines are to be applied in conjunction with the amendments to MARPOL Annex I that entered into force on 1 January 2011. The guidance document provides specific examples for the recording of information within the Oil Record Book Part I for the following:

- collection of oil residues (sludge);
- disposal or transfer of oil residues (sludge);
- non-automatic discharge overboard or disposal otherwise of bilge water which has accumulated in machinery spaces;
- automatic discharge overboard or disposal otherwise of bilge water which has accumulated in machinery spaces;

- condition of oil filtering equipment;
- accidental or other exceptional discharge of oil;
- bunkering of fuel or bulk lubricating oil;
- additional operational procedures and general remarks;
- tankers with slop tanks; and
- general guidance – additional voluntary recordings.

A copy of the guidance document, MEPC.1/Circ.736/Rev.2 can be obtained from the IMO website or by contacting [eps@amsa.gov.au](mailto:eps@amsa.gov.au). Oil Record Books can be purchased from AMSA through the publications order form found at [www.amsa.gov.au/forms-and-publications/](http://www.amsa.gov.au/forms-and-publications/)

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