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FOREWORD

Annex IV of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 contains certain requirements concerning the discharge of sewage into the sea from ships which should be based on standards and test methods to be developed by IMCO. Having noted these requirements the International Conference on Marine Pollution, 1973, by Resolution 20, urged the Organization to take action to develop such standards and test methods as soon as possible.

In pursuance of that Resolution the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) proceeded with the development of standards and guidelines to meet the requirements of Regulation 3(1)(a)(i) of Annex IV of the Convention, taking account of information submitted by Member Governments in response to a questionnaire concerning effluent standards, vessel sewage treatment technology and testing of sewage treatment plants for vessels.

This task was concluded by the Committee on 3 December 1976 by the adoption of Resolution MEPC.2(VI) –RECOMMENDATION ON INTERNATIONAL EFFLUENT STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR PERFORMANCE TESTS FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS, the complete text of which, including the technical Annexes, is set out in this publication.