



The Bahamas Maritime Authority

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MARPOL ANNEX VI RECORD BOOK FOR FUEL OIL AND OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

Instructions & Guidance for Shipowners, Managers, Masters, Bahamas Recognised Organisations and Bahamas Approved Inspectors

1 Introduction

1.1 MARPOL Annex VI, as revised by Resolution MEPC.176(58) requires that specific actions on board be recorded in relation to Ozone Depleting Substances and Low Sulphur Fuel Oil.

1.2 Regulation VI/12.6 requires that ships which have rechargeable systems that contain ozone depleting substances shall maintain an Ozone Depleting Substances Record Book. This Record Book may form part of an existing log-book or electronic recording system as approved by the Administration.

1.3 Regulation VI/12.7 requires that entries are made in respect of Ozone Depleting Substances when specific actions are carried out such as supply, charge & discharge of system, repair & maintenance.

1.4 Regulation VI/14.6 requires that the volume of low sulphur fuel oils in each tank as well as the date, time, and position of the ship when any fuel-oil-change-over operation is completed prior to the entry into an Emission Control Area or commenced after exit from such an area, shall be recorded in such log-book as prescribed by the Administration.

1.5 Regulation VI/18.8.1 requires that the representative sample is to be sealed and signed by the supplier's representative and the master or officer in charge of the bunker operation on completion of bunkering operations and retained under the ship's control until the fuel oil is substantially consumed, but in any case for a period of not less than 12 months from the time of delivery.

2 Record book to be introduced

2.1 The Bahamas Maritime Authority has received requests for clarification of acceptable methods of recording in relation to low sulphur fuel oil and ozone depleting substances and control of the representative fuel oil sample.

2.2 Previously BMA information bulletin 75 stated that the Engine Room Log book or alternatively the Oil Record Book Part I are acceptable places to record the volume and changeover to Low sulphur Fuel Oil, however it has been advised that some ships find this problematical due to lack of space when making frequent entries.

2.3 In order to ensure that a proper and acceptable record is kept for all operations relevant to MARPOL Annex VI, the Bahamas Maritime Authority has produced a complete record book which has five sections:

- Section 1 is provided to record the Tracking and Control for the representative (MARPOL) Fuel Oil samples
- Section 2 is provided to document any necessary custody transfer of the representative fuel oil sample
- Section 3 is provided to record the receipt and storage of Low Sulphur Fuel Oil. This does not replace the record of bunkering operations in the Oil Record Book Part I, as required by MARPOL Annex I.
- Section 4 is provided to record the changeover for Low Sulphur Fuel operation
- Section 5 is provided to record operations related to Ozone Depleting Substances

2.4 Where paper records are kept, shipowners should ensure that the Bahamas MARPOL Annex VI Record Book be utilised on board in order to demonstrate to interested third parties that the records are of the required standard and in a format acceptable to the Bahamas Maritime Authority.

3 Alternative methods of recording

3.1 Electronic recording systems are acceptable to be used on board, provided that there is a facility on board for electronic back up, identification of person making the record, date and time of recording and evidence of review and endorsement by the Chief Engineer or Master as appropriate. In addition a facility to print out the records is also necessary.

3.2 Other paper systems which achieve a similar standard of recording to the Bahamas MARPOL Annex VI Record Book are acceptable to the Bahamas Maritime Authority.

4 Availability of MARPOL Annex VI Record Book

The MARPOL Annex VI record book is now available direct from the Bahamas Maritime Authority by contacting publications@bahamasmaritime.com

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