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(1) The discharge into the sea of oil or oily mixture necessary for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship or saving life at sea.

(2) The discharge into the sea of oil or oily mixture resulting from damage to a ship or its equipment—

(i) Provided that all reasonable precautions have been taken after the occurrence of the damage or discovery of the discharge for the purpose of preventing or minimizing the discharge; and

(ii) Except if the owner or the master acted either with intent to cause damage, or recklessly and with knowledge that damage would probably result.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 151.13 Special areas for Annex I of MARPOL 73/78.

(a) For the purposes of §§151.09 through 151.25, the special areas are the Mediterranean Sea area, the Baltic Sea area, the Black Sea area, the Red Sea area, the Gulfs area, the Gulf of Aden, and the Antarctic area which are described in §151.06. The discharge restrictions are effective in the Mediterranean Sea, Baltic Sea, Black Sea, and the Antarctic area.

(b) Subject to the provisions of §151.11—

(1) A ship of 400 gross tons or over and any oil tanker may not discharge oil or oily mixture within a special area. In the Antarctic area, discharge into the sea of oil or oily mixture from any ship is prohibited.

(2) A ship of less than 400 gross tons other than an oil tanker may not discharge oil or oily mixture within a special area, unless the oil content of the effluent without dilution does not exceed 15 parts per million (ppm).

(3) For the Antarctic area, all ships must be fitted with a tank or tanks of sufficient capacity on board for the retention of all sludge, dirty ballast, tank washing water, and other oily residues and mixtures while operating in the area and must have concluded arrangements to discharge such oily resi-

dues at a reception facility after leaving the area.

(c) The provisions of paragraph (b) of this section do not apply to the discharge of clean or segregated ballast.

(d) The provisions of paragraph (b)(1) of this section do not apply to the discharge of processed bilge water from machinery space bilges, provided that all of the following conditions are satisfied—

(1) The bilge water does not originate from cargo pump room bilges;

(2) The bilge water is not mixed with oil cargo residues;

(3) The ship is proceeding enroute;

(4) The oil content of the effluent without dilution does not exceed 15 ppm;

(5) The ship has in operation oily-water separating equipment complying with Part 155 of this chapter; and

(6) The oily-water separating equipment is equipped with a device that stops the discharge automatically when the oil content of the effluent exceeds 15 ppm.

(e) No discharge into the sea shall contain chemicals or other substances introduced for the purpose of circumventing the conditions of discharge specified in this section.

(f) The oil residues that cannot be discharged into the sea in compliance with paragraphs (b), (c), or (d) of this section shall be retained on board or discharged to reception facilities.

(g) Nothing in this section prohibits a ship on a voyage, only part of which is in a special area, from discharging outside the special area in accordance with §151.10.

(h) In accordance with paragraph (7)(b)(iii) of Regulation 10 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78, the discharge restrictions in §151.13 for the Red Sea area, Gulfs area, and the Gulf of Aden area will enter into effect when each party to MARPOL 73/78 whose coastline borders the special area has certified that reception facilities are available and the IMO has established an effective date for each special area. Notice of the effective dates for the discharge requirements in these special areas will

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be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and reflected in this section.

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§ 151.15 Reporting requirements.

(a) The Master or other person having charge of a ship involved in an incident referred to in paragraph (e) of this section, shall report the particulars of such incident without delay and to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) In the event of the ship referred to in paragraph (a) of this section being abandoned, or in the event of a report from such ship being incomplete or unobtainable, the owner, charterer, manager or operator of the ship, or their agents shall, to the fullest extent possible assume the obligations placed upon the Master or other person having charge of the ship under the provisions of this section.

(c) Each report shall be made by radio whenever possible, but in any case by the fastest available means at the time the report is made.

(d) Reports shall be directed to the appropriate officer or agency of the government of the country in whose waters the incident occurs. Additionally, for incidents involving U.S. ships, the reports shall be directed to either the nearest Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) or to the National Response Center (NRC), toll free telephone number 800-424-8802, telex number 892427.

(e) The report shall be made whenever an incident involves—

(1) A discharge other than as permitted under this part; or

(2) A discharge permitted under this part by virtue of the fact that—

(i) It is for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship or saving life at sea; or

(ii) It results from damage to the ship or its equipment; or

(3) The probability of a discharge referred to in paragraphs (e)(1) or (e)(2) of this section.

(f) Each report shall contain—

(1) The identity of the ship;

(2) The time and date of the occurrence of the incident;

(3) The geographic position of the ship when the incident occurred;

(4) The wind and sea condition prevailing at the time of the incident;

(5) Relevant details respecting the condition of the ship; and

(6) A statement or estimate of the quantity of oil or oily mixtures discharged or likely to be discharged into the sea.

(g) Each person who is obligated under the provisions of this section to send a report shall—

(1) Supplement the initial report, as necessary, with information concerning further developments; and

(2) Comply as fully as possible with requests from affected countries for additional information concerning the incident.

(h) A report made under this section will satisfy the reporting requirement of § 153.203 of this chapter.

§ 151.17 Surveys.

(a) Every U.S. oil tanker of 150 gross tons and above, and every other U.S. ship of 400 gross tons and above; that is required to have an International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificate on board and to which this part applies, except as provided for in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this section; is subject to the following surveys conducted by the Coast Guard—

(1) An initial survey, conducted before the ship is put in service or before an IOPP Certificate required under § 151.19 is issued for the first time; this survey includes a complete examination of its structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and material in so far as the ship is covered by this chapter.

(2) Periodic renewal surveys conducted at intervals corresponding with the renewal of the IOPP Certificates. The purpose of the survey is to determine whether the structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements, and material comply with the requirements of Parts 155 and 157 of this chapter.

(3) Annual surveys for inspected ships conducted as close as practicable to twelve (12) and thirty-six (36) months from the date of issuance of the IOPP