

Announcement of the Ministry of Transport

(No.20 [2008])

Announcement on the Effectiveness Date of Annex I on Treating Water Areas in Southern South Africa as Special Areas in the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by Protocol 1978 of the International Maritime Organization

On October 13, 2006, the 55th session of the Maritime Environmental Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization adopted by Resolution No.MEPC.154 (55) the Amendment to Article 1.11 in Annex I on treating the water areas in southern South Africa as special areas (hereinafter referred to as the “Amendment”) to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by Protocol 1978. The Amendment has come into force as of March 1, 2008 by acquiescent effective procedures (see Announcement No.5 [2008] of the Ministry of Transport).

On July 13, 2007, the 56th session of the Maritime Environmental Protection Committee adopted the Resolution No.MEPC.167 (56) to decide that upon the effectiveness of the abovementioned Amendment, any ship which enters into the water areas in southern South Africa shall satisfy the emission requirements for special areas as specified in Article 15 and Article 34 of Annex I from August 1, 2008.

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