

Announcement of the Ministry of Transport

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Announcement of the Effectiveness Date of Annex I and Annex V on Determining Water Areas in Gulf as Special Areas to the Revised International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by Protocol 1978 of the International Maritime Organization

In 1973, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by the Protocol 1978 of the International Maritime Organization (hereinafter referred to as the “Convention for the Prevention of Pollution”) treated the water areas in gulf as special areas specified in Annex I and Annex V.

On July 13, 2007, the 56th session of the Maritime Environment Protection Committee adopted the Resolution No. MEPC.168 (56) to decide that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 38.6.1 in Annex I and Article 5 (4) (b) in Annex V of the Convention for the Prevention of Pollution, any ship which enters into the water areas in gulf shall satisfy the emission requirement for special areas as specified in Article 15 and Article 34 in Annex I and Article 5 in Annex V from August 1, 2008.

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