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NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

- 1 This circular replaces all previously issued circulars under this title.
- 2 The annex to this circular includes the "List of national operational contact points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances including oil from ships to coastal States".
- 3 The information on national contact points may be accessed through GISIS at <https://gisis.imo.org/Public/CP/Browse.aspx?List=SICI> for:
 - .1 national inspection services – head offices (originally MSC/Circ.630);
 - .2 national inspection services – local offices (originally MSC/Circ.630);
 - .3 inspection services acting as representatives of flag States for port State control matters and responsible authorities in charge of casualty investigation (originally MSC/Circ.542); and
 - .4 Secretariats of Memorandums of Understanding on Port State Control.
- 4 Member Governments are requested to:
 - .1 provide information on any changes or additions to the lists of contact points by directly updating the relevant information in the Contact Points module of GISIS;
 - .2 provide addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and electronic mail addresses of inspection services acting as representatives of flag States in case of port States interventions; and
 - .3 notwithstanding the provisions of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, with regard to communication of an intervention, port State authorities are requested to additionally convey information related to port State control interventions to those flag State inspection services (Head Offices), or to the inspection services acting as representatives of flag States, when available.
- 5 The list described in paragraph 2 is issued as the annex to the MSC-MEPC.6 circular posted annually on IMODOCS. However, the most up-to-date version of the list can be downloaded from the Contact Points module of the GISIS website at <https://gisis.imo.org/Public/CP/Browse.aspx?List=URHS>. The entire circular, including its annex, as well as a stand-alone PDF version of the annex, are also available on the IMO website at <http://www.imo.org> and can be accessed through the "Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans" link.

6 For ship inspection purposes, the official version of the List of national operational contact points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances including oil from ships to coastal States –annex is the updated version, which is issued annually as an MEPC-MSC.6/Circular on 31 January of each year. Quarterly updates are subsequently issued on 30 April, 31 July and 31 October of each year. The official version of the list is available on the IMO website and can be downloaded as stated in paragraph 5. In this connection, the next circular under this title (MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.25) will be issued on 29 January 2027.

7 Queries on the management of the data contained in the above-mentioned list should be addressed to:

Subdivision for Ocean Policy and Pollution Response
Marine Environment Division
International Maritime Organization
4 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7SR
Email: SafePol-contacts@imo.org

ANNEX

LIST OF NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECEIPT, TRANSMISSION AND PROCESSING OF URGENT REPORTS ON INCIDENTS INVOLVING HARMFUL SUBSTANCES INCLUDING OIL FROM SHIPS TO COASTAL STATES

1 The following information is provided to enable compliance with regulation 37 of MARPOL Annex I which, *inter alia*, requires that the Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (SOPEP) shall contain a list of authorities or persons to be contacted in the event of a pollution incident involving such substances. Requirements for oil pollution emergency plans and relevant oil pollution reporting procedures are contained in articles 3 and 4 of the 1990 OPRC Convention.

2 This information is also provided to enable compliance with regulation 17 of MARPOL Annex II which, *inter alia*, requires that the shipboard marine pollution emergency plans for oil and/or noxious liquid substances shall contain a list of authorities or persons to be contacted in the event of a pollution incident involving such substances. In this context, requirements for emergency plans and reporting for hazardous and noxious substances are also contained in article 3 of the 2000 OPRC-HNS Protocol.

3 Resolution MEPC.54(32), as amended by resolution MEPC.86(44), on the SOPEP Guidelines, and resolution MEPC.85(44), as amended by resolution MEPC.137(53), on the Guidelines for the development of Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for Oil and/or Noxious Liquid Substances, adopted by IMO, require that these shipboard pollution emergency plans should include, as an appendix, the list of agencies or officials of administrations responsible for receiving and processing reports. Such a list is developed and updated by the Organization in compliance with article 8 (Reports on incidents involving harmful substances) and Protocol I (Provisions concerning Reports on incidents involving harmful substances) of the MARPOL Convention. Under article 8 of the MARPOL Convention, each Party to the Convention shall notify the Organization with complete details of authorities responsible for receiving and processing reports on incidents for circulation to other Parties and Member States of the Organization. Attention is also drawn to both Guidelines which stipulate that "in the absence of a listed focal point, or should any undue delay be experienced in contacting the responsible authority by direct means, the master should be advised to contact the nearest coastal radio station, designated ship movement reporting station or rescue coordination centre (RCC) by the quickest available means".

4 The "List of national operational contact points responsible for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances including oil from ships to coastal States" contained in the circular is updated at the end of each calendar year. This list is an update of that contained in MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.23, dated 31 January 2025, as amended.

5 The above mentioned "List" is available on the IMO website and can be accessed through <https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/Pages/Shipboard-Marine-Pollution-Emergency-Plans.aspx>. This electronic version is updated on a quarterly basis and includes **a summary indicating which country has submitted changes to its information, since the previous update.**

6 On receipt of this latest version, and in order to maintain an accurate list, it is necessary that Member States check and update their respective information, when necessary, to ensure that it is correct. Member States are requested to make these updates directly in the Global Integrated Shipping Information Systems (GISIS) using the reporting facilities of the Contact Points module.

**CHANGES OR AMENDMENTS TO THE
LIST OF NATIONAL OPERATIONAL CONTACT POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE RECEIPT, TRANSMISSION AND PROCESSING OF URGENT REPORTS ON
INCIDENTS INVOLVING HARMFUL SUBSTANCES INCLUDING OIL FROM
SHIPS TO COASTAL STATES**

The following updates are based on information from countries that notified IMO of additions, changes, or amendments to MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.23:

Updates from 31 January to 30 April 2025

ALGERIA	MALAYSIA
AZERBAIJAN	MALTA
BANGLADESH	MARSHALL ISLANDS
CHILE	MAURITANIA
COLOMBIA	MEXICO
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	MYANMAR
DJIBOUTI	NETHERLANDS (KINGDOM OF THE)
ECUADOR	PAKISTAN
EGYPT	PERU
EL SALVADOR	SAMOA
ETHIOPIA	SLOVAKIA
FAROEES, DENMARK	SOLOMON ISLANDS
GUERNSEY (UNITED KINGDOM)	VANUATU
ISRAEL	YEMEN
KENYA	

Updates from 1 May to 31 July 2025

ALGERIA	GUYANA
ARGENTINA	KENYA
BANGLADESH	KUWAIT
BELIZE	LIBERIA
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (UNITED KINGDOM)	LUXEMBOURG
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	MARSHALL ISLANDS
COLOMBIA	PANAMA
CROATIA	SAN MARINO
EGYPT	SIERRA LEONE
FAROEES, DENMARK	ST. HELENA (UNITED KINGDOM)
GAMBIA	VANUATU
GUATEMALA	

Updates from 1 August to 31 October 2025

ALBANIA
ANGOLA
BRAZIL
COOK ISLANDS
FIJI
GEORGIA
HONG KONG, CHINA
INDIA

ISLE OF MAN (UNITED KINGDOM)
KYRGYZSTAN
LIBERIA
MALDIVES
MAURITANIA
MONTENEGRO
PHILIPPINES
SURINAME

Updates from 1 November 2025 to 30 January 2026

ALGERIA
BELIZE
BRAZIL
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
(UNITED KINGDOM)
BULGARIA
GUERNSEY (UNITED KINGDOM)
INDONESIA
ITALY
JORDAN

KYRGYZSTAN
MADAGASCAR
MAURITANIA
NIGERIA
SOUTH AFRICA
THAILAND
TOGO
TUVALU
UKRAINE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Note: This summary page will appear on the Internet whenever changes or amendments are received by the Secretariat before the printed copy of the list is re-issued.

*If there are any changes or additions to entries, please advise:
Email: SafePol-contacts@imo.org*