

ANNEX 6

**RESOLUTION MEPC.273(69)
(Adopted on 22 April 2016)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010 GUIDELINES FOR MONITORING THE WORLDWIDE
AVERAGE SULPHUR CONTENT OF FUEL OILS SUPPLIED FOR USE
ON BOARD SHIPS (RESOLUTION MEPC.192(61))**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee) conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

RECALLING ALSO that revised MARPOL Annex VI entered into force on 1 July 2010,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution MEPC.192(61) by which the Committee adopted the *2010 Guidelines for monitoring the worldwide average sulphur content of fuel oils supplied for use on board ships* (hereafter "the 2010 Guidelines"),

RECOGNIZING the need for certain clarifications of the 2010 Guidelines,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its sixty-ninth session, draft amendments to the 2010 Guidelines,

- 1 ADOPTS amendments to the *2010 Guidelines for monitoring the worldwide average sulphur content of fuel oils supplied for use on board ships*, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;
- 2 URGES Member Governments and international organizations to make available the resources and expertise necessary for the implementation of the 2010 Guidelines, as amended, from 1 January 2017; and
- 3 AGREES to keep the 2010 Guidelines, as amended, under review in light of experience gained with their application.

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- 1 The last sentence of paragraph 10 is replaced with the following:

"For the calculation of yearly average, any fuel oils less than 0.05% of sulphur should be calculated as 0.03%."
- 2 Paragraph 12 is replaced with the following:

"12 There are presently four providers of sampling and testing services under these Guidelines."
