
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Prevention
of Oil Pollution) Regulations 1996**

PART VIII

**PREVENTION OF POLLUTION ARISING
FROM AN OIL POLLUTION INCIDENT**

Shipboard oil pollution emergency plan

33.—(1) Every oil tanker of 150 GT and above and every ship (not being an oil tanker) of 400 GT and above shall carry on board an approved shipboard oil pollution emergency plan.

(2) The plan shall be in accordance with the guidelines for the development of shipboard oil pollution emergency plans adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the Organization on 6th March 1992 by Resolution MEPC 54(32) and includes any document amending it which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time and is specified in a Merchant Shipping Notice; and the plan shall include at least—

- (i) the procedure to be followed by the master or other persons having charge of the ship to report an oil pollution incident as required by the Merchant Shipping (Reporting Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) Regulations 1995⁽¹⁾;
- (ii) the list of persons (including national and local authorities) to be contacted in the event of an oil pollution incident;
- (iii) a detailed description of the action to be taken immediately by persons on board to reduce or control the discharge of oil following an incident; and
- (iv) the procedures and point of contact on the ship for co-ordinating shipboard action with national and local authorities in combating the pollution.

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1995/2498.