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DRAFT MEPC CIRCULAR

NOTIFICATION ON EARLY APPLICATION OF THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR A MARPOL ANNEX VI FUEL OIL SAMPLE (REGULATION 18.8.2 OR REGULATION 14.8)

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its seventy-fourth session (13 to 17 May 2019), approved amendments to appendix VI of MARPOL Annex VI on Verification procedures for a MARPOL Annex VI fuel oil sample (regulation 18.8.2 or regulation 14.8), providing an agreed method to determine whether the fuel oil delivered to, in-use or carried for use on board a ship is in accordance with the applicable sulphur limit of regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI.

2 To ensure a consistent approach to verifying the sulphur limit of the fuel oil delivered to, in-use or carried for use on board a ship until the entry into force of the approved amendments, Member Governments are invited to apply the approved amendments to appendix VI of MARPOL Annex VI related to the verification procedure for a MARPOL Annex VI fuel oil sample (regulation 18.8.2 or regulation 14.8), as contained in the annex to this Circular, in advance of their entry into force.

3 Member Governments are invited to bring the annexed Guidance to the attention of Administrations, port State control authorities, industry, fuel oil suppliers, relevant shipping organizations, shipping companies and other stakeholders concerned.

4 This circular expires on entry into force of the amendments expected to be in [date of entry into force] 2021, following their adoption at the seventy-fifth session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee.

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**THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR A
MARPOL ANNEX VI FUEL OIL SAMPLE (REGULATION 18.8.2 OR REGULATION 14.8)**

[The Secretariat will insert the approved amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, regulation 2, regulation 14.8 and 14.9, regulation 18.8.2 and appendix VI (verification procedures for a MARPOL Annex VI fuel oil sample (regulation 18.8.2 or regulation 14.8), as approved at MEPC 74]
