

THE ROLE OF MARPOL IN PREVENTING OIL POLLUTION



WHAT IS MARPOL

By general definition MARPOL (short for Marine Pollution) is the main international piece of legislation that regulates the issue of pollution of the sea caused by ships from operational or accidental causes.

COMPONENTS OF MARPOL



Protocol I: Provisions concerning reports in incidents involving harmful substances.
Protocol II: Arbitration

[Annex I: Regulation for the prevention of pollution by oil](#)

Annex II: Regulations for the control of pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk
Annex III: Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances carried by Sea in Packaged Form

Annex IV: Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Sewage

Annex V: Regulation for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage

Annex VI – Prevention of Air Pollution from ships

Protocol of 1997 to Amend MARPOL 73/78

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IMO Resolutions to Amend + IMO guidelines

Reasons WHY States RATIFY MARPOL

- Marine environmental concern for pollution of sea water under their jurisdiction;
- It gives benefits to ship-owners;
- Also ports have benefits by having a way to control pollution;
- And general concern over the environmental health of the world.
- MARPOL impose them obligations but also grants them privileges.



ACHIEVEMENTS OF MARPOL IN THE PREVENTION OF OIL POLLUTION

- Annex 1 created basic rules to prevent oil pollution.
- It is widely accepted piece international piece of legislation. (149 States that comprise 95% of the world fleet have signed it)
- The phase out of single hull tankers helps reducing the risk of oil spills from accidents.
- Port State control officials can exercise MARPOL authority in their ports to check compliance and that improves safety.
- Illegal or accidental oil spills have been significantly reduce after it entered into force in October 1983.



Annual Quantity of Oil Spill	
Year	Tonnes
70's	3126000
80's	1083000
90's	1101000
2000	12000
2001	8000
2002	81000