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MARPOL SPECIAL AREAS

REFERENCES

MARPOL Annex I, II, IV, V and VI, [MEPC.1/Circ.778/Rev.4¹](#)

Special Areas	Amendments adopted to the MARPOL Annex	Entry into force of the amendments	More stringent measures in effect from
Annex 1: Oil			
Mediterranean Sea	02 Nov 73	02 Oct 83	02 Oct 83
Baltic Sea	02 Nov 73	02 Oct 83	02 Oct 83
Black Sea	02 Nov 73	02 Oct 83	02 Oct 83
Red Sea	02 Nov 73	02 Oct 83	1 Jan 25²
Gulfs Area	02 Nov 73	02 Oct 83	01 Aug 08
Gulf of Aden	01 Dec 87	01 Apr 89	1 Jan 25³
Antarctic Area	16 Nov 90	17 Mar 92	17 Mar 92
North West European waters	25 Sep 97	01 Feb 99	01 Aug 99
Oman area of the Arabian Sea	15 Oct 04	01 Jan 07	*
Southern South African waters	13 Oct 06	01 Mar 08	01 Aug 08
Annex II: Noxious Liquid Substances			
Antarctic area	30 Oct 1992	1 Jul 1994	1 Jul 1994
Annex IV: Sewage			
Baltic Sea	15 Jul 11	1 Jan 13	1 Jun 2019 1 Jun 2021 1 Jun 2023 (MEPC.275(69))⁴
Annex V : Garbage			
Mediterranean Sea	02 Nov 73	31 Dec 88	01 May 09
Baltic Sea	02 Nov 73	31 Dec 88	01 Oct 89
Black7 Sea	02 Nov 73	31 Dec 88	*
Red Sea	02 Nov 73	31 Dec 88	1 Jan 2025 (MEPC.382(80))⁵
Gulfs Area	02 Nov 73	31 Dec 88	01 Aug 08
North Sea	17 Oct 89	18 Feb 91	18 Feb 91
Antarctic area (south of latitude 60 degrees south)	16 Nov 90	17 Mar 92	17 Mar 92

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Special Areas	Amendments adopted to the MARPOL Annex	Entry into force of the amendments	More stringent measures in effect from
Wider Caribbean region including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea	04 Jul 91	04 Apr 93	1 May 11

Annex VI : Prevention of air pollution by ships (Emission Control Areas) ⁶			
Baltic Sea (SOx)	26 Sep 97	19 May 05	19 May 06
Baltic Sea (NOx)	7 Jul 17	1 Jan 19	1 Jan 21+
North Sea (SOx)	22 Jul 05	22 Nov 06	22 Nov 07
North Sea (NOx)	7 Jul 17	1 Jan 19	1 Jan 21 +
North America (SOx, and PM)	26 Mar 10	01 Aug 11	01 Aug 12
North America (NOx)	26 Mar 10	01 Aug 11	1 Jan 16 ++
United States Caribbean Sea ECA (SOx, and PM)	15 Jul 11	1 Jan 13	1 Jan 14
United States Caribbean Sea ECA (NOx)	15 Jul 11	1 Jan 13	1 Jan 16 ++
Mediterranean Sea (SOx and PM)	16 Dec 22	1 May 24	1 May 25
* The Special Area requirements for these areas have not yet taken effect because of lack of notifications from MARPOL Parties whose coastlines border the relevant Special Areas regarding the existence of adequate reception facilities (MARPOL Annex I, regulation 38.6, and MARPOL Annex V, regulation 8.2..			
+ A ship constructed on or after 1 January 2021 and is operating in these emission control areas shall comply with NOX Tier III standards set forth in regulation 13.5 of MARPOL Annex VI.			
++ A ship constructed on or after 1 January 2016 and is operating in these emission control areas shall comply with NOX Tier III standards set forth in regulation 13.5 of MARPOL Annex VI.			

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