

HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 10/5

(supersedes HELCOM Recommendations 1/11, 6/8 and 7/10)

Adopted 15 February 1989 having regard to Article 13,
Paragraph b) of the Helsinki Convention

GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADEQUATE RECEPTION FACILITIES IN PORTS

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted guidelines on the provision of adequate reception facilities in ports for oily wastes, residues and mixtures containing noxious liquid substances, sewage, and garbage to assist Governments in implementing the requirements of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78),

RECALLING ALSO that all Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention are also parties to MARPOL 73/78,

RECOGNIZING that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention apply the relevant parts of the Guidelines in implementing the requirements of MARPOL 73/78 and of the Helsinki Convention relating to the reception of oily wastes, residues and mixtures containing noxious liquid substances, sewage, and garbage,

RECOMMENDS that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should:

- a) further study problems related to the provision of adequate reception facilities, especially those problems which are particular for the Baltic Sea Area and;
- b) circulate the results of the studies to the other Contracting Parties of the Helsinki Convention,

RECOMMENDS ALSO that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should:

- c) require those responsible for reception facilities where noxious liquid substances are unloaded to receive the tank washings resulting from the application of pre-wash procedures;
- d) ensure that no tankers are loaded at places where no adequate arrangements have been made for the reception of ballasts or of tank washings containing cargo residues for noxious liquid substances which might have been removed from the ship in order to enable loading to be carried out;
- e) ensure that no tankers are repaired at places where no adequate arrangements have been made for the reception of ballast water or tank washings containing cargo residues of noxious liquid substances which has to be removed from the ship in order to enable repair work to be carried out;
- f) promote the use of shore reception facilities for residues and wastes from ships by making such facilities and services available at reasonable cost or without charging special fees to

the individual ships.