

HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 10/6

(supersedes HELCOM Recommendations 6/11 and 7/9)

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

APPLICATION BY THE BALTIC SEA STATES OF A HELSINKI CONVENTION FORM FOR REPORTING ALLEGED INADEQUACY OF RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR SEWAGE

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted forms for reporting

- alleged inadequacy of oily waste reception facilities;
- difficulties encountered in the disposing of residues/water mixtures containing noxious liquid substances (NLS) from ships; and
- alleged inadequacy of reception facilities for garbage,

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 have instructed ships flying their flag to report in accordance with the IMO forms,

RECALLING the provisions of Regulation 7 of Annex IV of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, (1974), Helsinki Convention, concerning sewage,

RECOGNIZING that an agreed IMO form for reporting on inadequacy of reception facilities for sewage is not available,

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

- a) instruct ships flying their flag to report in accordance with the form given in the attachment to this Recommendation any inadequacy of reception facilities for sewage in ports of the Baltic Sea Area experienced when applying the provisions of Regulation 7 of Annex IV of the Helsinki Convention; and
- b) see to it that the master of the ship concerned should complete and submit to the administration the form contained in the attachment to this Recommendation in each instance when he has experienced difficulties in disposing of sewage to reception facility,

RECOMMENDS FURTHER that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention should in addition to the IMO procedures for reporting:

- c) evaluate each report received and where the allegation is considered justified inform the Contracting Parties in question and submit to the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission a summary report;
- d) submit, when receiving such information from a Contracting Party, comments or other information on the alleged inadequacy, to the Contracting Party which has submitted the report and to the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission,

REQUESTS the Secretariat of the Helsinki Commission to circulate information received under sub-paragraphs c) and d) above.

