



HELCOM RECOMMENDATION 25/6 *)

Adopted 2 March 2004
having regard to Article 13, Paragraph b)
of the Helsinki Convention

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM THROUGHPUT OF OIL FILTERING EQUIPMENT ON BOARD SHIPS

THE COMMISSION,

RECALLING Regulation 4 of Annex IV of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area, 1992, (Helsinki Convention), concerning prevention of pollution by oil,

RECALLING ALSO Regulation 10 of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 Convention concerning methods for prevention of oil pollution from ships while operating in special areas,

BEARING IN MIND that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO adopted at its forty-ninth session Resolution MEPC.107(49) REVISED GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION EQUIPMENT FOR MACHINERY SPACE BILGES OF SHIPS,

RECOGNIZING the need for the standardization of the minimum throughput of oil filtering equipment,

RECOMMENDS, that the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Helsinki Convention, apply the attached Guidelines for the oil filtering equipment for ships the keel of which is laid on or after 1 January 2005.

*) Superseding HELCOM Recommendation 14/6

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Attachment**

These guidelines are applicable to oil filtering equipment in order to meet the requirements of the Helsinki Convention and will supersede HELCOM Recommendation 14/6.

<i>Gross Tonnage *)</i>	<i>Recommended minimum throughput of the system (m³/h)</i>
<i>400 and above but less than 1,600</i>	<i>0.5</i>
<i>1,600 and above but less than 4,000</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>4,000 and above but less than 15,000</i>	<i>2.5</i>
<i>15,000 and above</i>	<i>5.0</i>

Having due regard to the route of the vessel, volume of the bilge water holding tanks, separating technology on board as well as the design and complexity of the machinery arrangement a higher or a lower throughput of the system may be chosen, provided that an equivalent standard for the protection of the marine environment can be ensured.

*) Convention on Tonnage Measurement, 1969