

MARINE POLLUTION
MANUAL ON OIL POLLUTION

**Notice to Owners, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships and Owners
and Skippers of Fishing Vessels.**

1. The purpose of this Notice is to bring to the attention of Owners, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships and Owners and Skippers of Fishing Vessels the 1983 revised edition of Section I (Prevention) of the Manual on Oil Pollution prepared by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO).

2. The revised edition of Section I of the Manual contains practical information on means of preventing pollution of the sea by oil. It summarises the main internationally agreed requirements for preventing oil pollution (Annex 1 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 as modified by the related Protocol of 1978) to which the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations 1983 (S.I. 1983/1398) gave effect; and it contains useful supplementary information and practical guidance on how to avoid oil pollution. This will be useful to persons directly associated with the sea transportation and transfer of oil. The contents of the Manual are listed in the Annex to this Notice.

3. Section I of the Manual read in conjunction with Merchant Shipping Notices Nos. M.876 and M.1141, supersedes the 4th Edition of the Manual on the Avoidance of Pollution of the Sea by Oil prepared by the Department of Trade and published by HMSO in 1974.

4. The revised 1983 Edition of the Manual on Oil Pollution, Section I (Prevention) is published by the IMO. Copies can be obtained from IMO Publications Section, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR (Sales No. 557 83.01.E).

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