



**Date: 29 APR 2025**

DMR/RN/2025/03 – International Naval Safety Association (INSA) Environmental Guidelines Version 1

**Implementation Date: 29 April 2025**

**Expiry: 29 April 2026**

**Reference:**

- A. Environmental Guidelines, International Naval Safety Association, Version 1, January 2024

**Summary**

The purpose of this DMR Notice is to provide the Defence Maritime Domain with notice of the publication of Environmental Guidelines Version 1 by the International Naval Safety Association (INSA) in January 2024. The intent of the Environmental Guidelines is to define baseline guidance to assist in the implementation of international environmental requirements by international Defence partners. This notice is provided for information purposes and is supplied to support organisations existing Environmental Protection Arrangements, and as part of DMR's role with INSA.

**Application**

The purpose of the Environmental Guidelines:

“The intent of these guidelines is to define baseline guidance to assist in the implementation of environmental requirements, which INSA members may use. Environmental regulation will be subject to national legislation and laws, but a common agreed approach with some basic principles may benefit Navies as they establish environmental procedures and processes against an established and extensive commercial legislation set.”

In deriving these Environmental Guidelines, the following principles have been followed:

- A. Environmental Management
- B. Demonstrating Equivalence and Compliance
- C. Combat Implications

The INSA Environmental Guidelines provide elements to be considered for potential application and guidance on managing environmental impacts.

A copy of the Environmental Guidelines can be found through the DMR Modern site: [INSA Environmental Guidelines, v1](#)



The Environmental Guidelines consist of the main guideline document and a series of annexes related to specific international conventions or environmental aspects:

- Annex A: Pollution Prevention from Oils and Oily Water
- Annex B: Noxious and Harmful Substances (MARPOL Annexes II and III)
- Annex C: Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Sewage
- Annex D: Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Garbage
- Annex E: Air Pollution from Ships
- Annex F: Invasive Species from Ballast Water and Sediments
- Annex G: Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems
- Annex H: Control and Management of Ship's Biofouling to minimise the transfer of invasive aquatic species
- Annex I: Ship Recycling (Hong Kong Convention)

### Queries

Any observations or requests for further guidance on the content of this Regulatory Notice should be submitted by email to [DSA-DMR-Group@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DSA-DMR-Group@mod.gov.uk).

Will Langton  
DMR Regulation and Compliance Section Head

DMR/RN/2025/03  
Dated: 29 APR 2025

### Copyright

This document is protected by Crown copyright and the intellectual property rights of this publication belong exclusively to the Ministry of Defence.

### Uncontrolled Copies

All hard copies of this document are to be regarded as uncontrolled copies. To check the latest amendment status, reference should be made to current documents which may be viewed on Gov.uk or on the Defence Intranet.