



## ***Information Updates KISHPNI-IU-02-2020 (Electronic Record Books & MARPOL Amendments)***

### **► Introduction:**

[IMO's MEPC 74](#) in May adopted amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II, V, VI and the NOx Technical Code regarding the use of electronic record books, approved as alternative of hard copy record books under the MARPOL Convention. The Committee also adopted guidelines to support the use of electronic record books.

The amendments to MARPOL VI also redefined the words “*cargo ships having ice-breaking capability*”, under Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) regulations, in order to align with the definition given in the Polar Code.

Additionally, MEPC 74 adopted amendments to the NOx Technical Code concerning the certification requirements for selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems.

Namely, the adopted resolutions were as follows:

- [Resolution MEPC.312\(74\) – Guidelines for the use of Electronic Record Books under MARPOL](#)
- [Resolution MEPC.314\(74\) – Amendments to MARPOL Annexes I, II and V \(Electronic Record Books\)](#)
- [Resolution MEPC.316\(74\) – Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI \(Electronic Record Books and EEDI regulations for ice-strengthened ships\)](#)
- [Resolution MEPC.317\(74\) – Amendments to the NOx Technical Code 2008 \(Electronic Record Books and Certification requirements for SCR systems\)](#)

The amendments to MARPOL Annex I, II, V, VI and the NOx Technical Code are expected to be entered into force on 1st October 2020.

### **► The electronic record-books:**

These amendments and are applicable to:

- **Oil Record Book, parts I and II**
- **Cargo Record Book**
- **Garbage Record Book, parts I and II**
- **Ozone-depleting Substances Record Book**
- **Recording of the tier and on/off status of marine diesel engines**
- **Record of Fuel Oil Changeover; and**
- **Record Book of Engine Parameters.**

***An electronic record book used as an alternative to an official hard copy record book is required to be assessed by the Flag Administration following which a written confirmation (Declaration of MARPOL Electronic Record Book) will be issued.***

***A copy of this declaration should exist onboard the ship.***

***In addition, operators should have in mind the importance of proper record keeping to ensure that all logs onboard are accurate and in a timely manner.***

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