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**RESOLUTION MEPC .285(70)
(Adopted on 28 October 2016)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED GUIDELINES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR
POLLUTION PREVENTION EQUIPMENT FOR MACHINERY SPACE BILGES
OF SHIPS (RESOLUTION MEPC.107(49))**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee) conferred upon it by the international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

NOTING resolution MEPC.107(49) by which it adopted, at its forty-ninth session, the *Revised Guidelines and Specifications for pollution prevention equipment for machinery space bilges of ships*,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventieth session, proposed amendments to the above-mentioned Revised Guidelines and Specifications, concerning specifications related to 15 ppm bilge alarms,

1 ADOPTS amendments to the *Revised Guidelines and specifications for pollution prevention equipment for machinery space bilges of ships*, the text of which is set out in the annex to this resolution;

2 RECOMMENDS Governments to apply the annexed amendments when checking the accuracy of 15 ppm bilge alarms.

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1 In paragraphs 1.2.1, 1.2.2.1, 2.1 and 3.1, the references to "regulation 16" are replaced with "regulation 14".

2 In paragraphs 2.2 and 3.3 and appendix 2, the references to "regulation 16(5)" are replaced with "regulation 14.7".

3 Section 4.2.11 is replaced by the following:

"4.2.11 The validity of calibration certificates should be checked at IOPP annual/intermediate/renewal surveys. The accuracy of 15 ppm bilge alarms is to be checked by calibration and testing of the equipment conducted by a manufacturer or persons authorized by the manufacturer and should be done at intervals not exceeding five years after its commissioning, or within the term specified in the manufacturer's instructions, whichever is shorter. Alternatively the unit may be replaced by a calibrated 15 ppm bilge alarm. The calibration certificate for the 15 ppm bilge alarm, certifying the date of the last calibration check, should be retained on board for inspection purposes.
