

## MARPOL 73/78

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978



MARPOL 73/78 ratifying states

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MARPOL **Annex III** came into force on 1 July 1992. It contains general requirements for the standards on **packing, marking, labelling, documentation, stowage, quantity subtraction, division and notifications for preventing pollution by harmful substances**. The Annex is in line with the procedures detailed in the **International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code**, which has been expanded to include marine pollutants. The amendments entered into force on 1 January 1991.