



NIGERIAN MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY AGENCY (NIMASA)

(Established under the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act, 2007)

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MARINE NOTICE

TO: ALL TANKER OWNERS/MASTERS, SHIPPING AGENTS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES, OFFSHORE PLATFORM OPERATORS, TANK CLEANING CONTRACTOR COMPANIES AND THE PUBLIC.

APPROVAL OF SHIP'S CRUDE OIL WASHING (COW) AND CARGO TANK CLEANING SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT MANUAL FOR NIGERIAN FLAG VESSELS

Pursuant to MARPOL Annex I, regulations 18, 31, 33 and 35 appendix VI, Regulations 13 and 16, MARPOL 90/40 Annex I reg.12, MARPOL Annex II and Part IV Sections 5 & 6, XXIII 336 of the Merchant Shipping Act (MSA), 2007 and Part X of NIMASA Act, 2007.

1. Being party to the International Convention for the prevention of marine pollution from Ship MARPOL 73/78. The Agency (NIMASA) wishes to notify all stakeholders of its intention to commence enforcement of regulations on Crude Oil Washing and other Cargo Tank Cleaning operations by Tankers on Nigerian territorial waters.
2. The Convention provides that every Crude Oil Tanker of 20,000 Dead weight and above fitted with Tank Cleaning using Crude Oil Washing (COW) system must provide the Administration with its Equipment Manual for review and approval by the Flag Administration (NIMASA).
3. In a bid to ensure compliance with the above provision, the Agency (NIMASA) wishes to commence enforcement of the regulation requiring the issuance of Approval for Tank Cleaning (COW/Cargo) Equipment Manuals for every Crude Oil and other Noxious Liquid Substance (NLS) Tankers of 20,000 Dead weight and above fitted with the Equipment.
4. Also, other Tanker Owners not fitted with Crude Oil Washing or Cargo Tank Cleaning System(s) are to ensure the Tankers have:
 - i. Exemption Certificate(s) for Crude Oil Washing/ Cargo Tank Cleaning Equipment and;
 - ii. Clearance/Permit to conduct such operations from the Agency (NIMASA) and must ensure that all diluted oil or Noxious Liquid Substances are collected and deposited at the appropriate Port Reception Facilities
5. Where Tank Cleaning Service Provider-Company is engaged, such Tank Cleaning Companies must have a NIMASA Accreditation Certificate to operate within Nigerian Territorial Waters.
6. By this notice, all Tanker owners or masters, Tank Cleaning Service Providers to whom this regulation apply are hereby advised to observe and comply with the above.
7. Failure to comply with these regulations shall attract appropriate sanctions.
Please note: the provision of the notice comes into force with immediate effect.
8. Applications are to be written and addressed to:

The Director General/CEO,
Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency,
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SIGNED: **MANAGEMENT**