

## **IHM Guidelines and SRP Guidelines adopted at MEPC 62**

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*The Ship Recycling Working Group adopted two guidelines at the 62nd session of IMO MEPC (Marine Environmental Protection Committee), which was held from 11 to 15 July 2011.*

During the 62<sup>nd</sup> session of MEPC, a working group was established and tasked to review four guidelines in regard to ship recycling. Due to time constraints, the group only succeeded in finalizing two of these guidelines, namely the amendments to the "Guidelines for the development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials" and the "2011 Guidelines for the development of the Ship Recycling Plan".

The "Guidelines for the development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials" (MEPC.179(59)) now includes testing methods.

The "2011 Guidelines for the development of the Ship Recycling Plan" revoke MEPC/Circ.419, of 12 November 2004. According to the new guidelines, the Ship Recycling Plan (SRP) is a "stand-alone" document that is not required to be accompanied by the "Ship Recycling Facility Plan" (SRFP). The SRP is prepared by the Ship Recycling Facility which should attach a copy of their "Document of Authorization to conduct Ship Recycling" (DASR). The Ship Recycling Plan must be approved by the "Competent Authority" which is to be named by the state in which the facility is located.

The "Guidelines for safe and environmentally sound ship recycling" and the "Guidelines for the authorization of Ship Recycling Facilities" are still under final review and will be further developed by a correspondence group with a view to their adoption at MEPC 63.

The development of the "Guidelines for survey and certification under the Hong Kong Convention" and the "Guidelines for inspection of ships under the Hong Kong Convention" shall also be begun by the correspondence group if possible.

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