

Canada Shipping Act. Under Part XX, regulations have been enacted dealing with such matters as: the discharge of pollutants and the amount of pollutants permitted on board; the use of navigational aids; the methods for loading and unloading pollutants; the methods of retention of oil and other wastes; the number of personnel and the prevailing procedures and practices to be followed by persons on board in order to ensure safe navigation. Civil liability is imposed on the owner of the vessel and the Act creates a Marine Pollution Claims Fund to reimburse those persons suffering loss or damage as a result of pollution. In addition, a pollution prevention officer is empowered by the Canada Shipping Act to require any ship to provide information concerning the condition of the ship and may go on board such ship to determine whether it complies with Canadian pollution laws. He may also order the ship to leave or divert it to an alternative destination if he is satisfied such action is justified to prevent discharge of pollutants.

12. The regulations under the Canada Shipping Act pertaining to navigational standards and pollution prevention and control matters take account of internationally agreed rules and standards, including those which are in force as international conventions and to which Canada is a party. These conventions and their provisions are described in a separate presentation dealing with the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

13. To ensure that all ships entering and navigating in Canadian waters are in compliance with the Canada Shipping Act and