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**FROM: NOVAVERITAS NV TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** to all NV Surveyors & Auditors and technical personnel

**DATE:** September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEX VI - Effective date for Tier III NOx emission standards**

### **A) INTRODUCTION**

Today 01 September 2015 is the starting date for compliance by all ships with Diesel engines greater than 130 kW using gas mode operation of dual fuel engines using liquid as pilot or balance fuel to be certified under below stated revisions to the NOx Technical Code. MEPC 66 reviewed the availability of NOx emissions reduction technology, based on a correspondence group [report \(MEPC 65/4/7\)](#).

### **B) REQUIREMENTS**

It was decided that for any future ECA, the Tier III requirement will be made mandatory to ships as noted below: Tier III requirements will be made applicable as follows:

- Ships that will be operating in ECAs in America (North America and US Caribbean Sea) – ships constructed on or after 01 January 2016.
- Ships that will be operating in future ECAs (that might be established) – applies to ships constructed on or after the date that ECA is adopted by MEPC, or a date decided by the parties concerned but not earlier than the date of adoption.

- Notwithstanding the above, yachts (ships used solely for recreational purposes) of less than 500 GRT constructed before 01 January 2021 do not need to comply with Tier III requirement, and recreational yachts of less than 24 m will not need to comply with Tier III even after that date.

Please refer to attached IMO resolution [MEPC.251 \(66\)](#) for more details.

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