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Notice to all Harbour Authorities, Operators of Offshore Units or HNS Handling Facilities, Local Authorities, and Masters and Owners of Irish Ships

Preparation of Hazardous and Noxious Substances Pollution Emergency Plans

The Sea Pollution (Amendment) Act 1999 gave effect to the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation, 1990 (OPRC). Under this Convention, harbour authorities, Local Authorities and operators of offshore installations and oil handling facilities, are required to provide oil pollution emergency plans for the prevention and minimisation of damage arising out of oil pollution incidents.

As of the **14th June 2007**, similar emergency plans are now required in respect of hazardous and noxious substances (HNS). This came about through the internationally agreed HNS Protocol to OPRC in 2000. The Sea Pollution (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, (S.I. No. 29 of 2006), gives effect in Irish law to the Protocol, among other internationally agreed instruments.

These HNS emergency plans are to be prepared by harbour authorities, operators of HNS handling facilities, such local authorities as may be determined by the Minister and masters and owners of Irish ships and are required to be submitted to the Minister for approval. These HNS emergency/contingency plans should include a risk assessment and a comprehensive breakdown of their risk management facilities - command and control, communications, manpower, equipment, training and exercise.

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