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Amendments

to Annexes I and II of the Convention of the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter concerning phasing out sea disposal of industrial waste

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AMENDMENTS¹

TO ANNEXES I AND II OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER², CONCERNING PHASING OUT SEA DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE

ANNEX I

- (1) The following text is added to Annex I as a new paragraph 11:
- "11 Industrial waste as from 1 January 1996.

For the purposes of this Annex:

'Industrial waste' means waste materials generated by manufacturing or processing operations and does not apply to:

- (a) dredged material;
- (b) sewage sludge;
- (c) fish waste, or organic materials resulting from industrial fish processing operations;
- (d) vessels and platforms or other man-made structures at sea, provided that material capable of creating floating debris or otherwise contributing to pollution of the marine environment has been removed to the maximum extent;
- (e) uncontaminated inert geological materials the chemical constituents of which are unlikely to be released into the marine environment;
- (f) uncontaminated organic materials of natural origin.

Dumping of wastes and other matter specified in subparagraphs (a)-(f) above shall be subject to all other provisions of Annex I, and to the provisions of Annexes II and III.

This paragraph shall not apply to the radioactive wastes or any other radioactive matter referred to in paragraph 6 of this Annex."

(2) The following phrase is added to the beginning of the existing text of paragraph 9:

"Except for industrial waste as defined in paragraph 11 below, ..."

(3) In paragraph 9, the word "spoils" is replaced by "material".

ANNEX II

(1) "Beryllium, chromium, nickel and vanadium and their compounds" are moved from Annex II, paragraph B to paragraph A of Annex II. The remainder of the text of paragraph B is deleted. The subsequent sections are redesignated accordingly.

(2) The existing text of paragraph F is replaced by the following:

"Materials which, though of a non-toxic nature, may become harmful due to the quantities in which they are dumped, or which are liable to seriously reduce amenities."

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