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**SAFETY AND POLLUTION HAZARDS OF CHEMICALS AND PREPARATION OF  
CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE IBC CODE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF GESAMP-EHS**

**Carriage of Used cooking oil**

**Submitted by Belgium, Norway, INTERTANKO and IPTA**

**SUMMARY**

*Executive summary:* This document proposes a generic entry for "Used cooking oil" for inclusion initially in list 1 of the MEPC.2/Circular and subsequently in chapter 17 of the IBC Code, when next amended

*Strategic direction:* 7.2

*High-level action:* 7.2.2

*Planned output:* 7.2.2.1

*Action to be taken:* Paragraph 7

*Related documents:* MEPC.2/Circ.19 and PPR 2/3

**Background**

1 Used cooking oil is increasingly being used as a feedstock for biofuel production and, as such, there is a requirement to transport it in bulk by sea. No request for evaluation has ever been submitted to the GESAMP-EHS Working Group for inclusion of this product in the GESAMP Composite List, owing to a lack of data. It is understood that the reason for this lack of data is that the product is a mixture of used vegetable oils rather than a manufactured product.

**Discussion**

2 Despite there being no entry in the IBC Code for this product, the co-sponsors are aware that it is nevertheless being shipped in increasing quantities. Shipowners are being placed under increasing pressure to carry the product under a variety of different names, such as yellow grease.

3 Since this situation has continued for a number of years and it seems clear that there is very little chance of data being submitted on the product, the co-sponsors are of the opinion that the Organization should adopt a proactive approach and assign generic carriage requirements to this product.

4 It would seem logical to apply the same safety requirements to "Used cooking oil" as applied to the various other vegetable oils and animal fats already included in chapter 17 of the IBC Code. As no data is available to support the classification of this product, it is proposed to assign pollution category X as a precautionary approach.

5 The assignment of carriage requirements, without supporting data, has been done in the past for other generic entries, such as the biofuel blends.

6 The co-sponsors therefore propose that "Used cooking oil" be included provisionally in list 1 of the MEPC.2/Circular and subsequently in chapter 17 of the IBC Code when next amended, with the following carriage requirements:

a	c	d	e	f	g	h	i'	i''	i'''	j	k	l	n	o
Used cooking oil	X	S/P	2	2G	Open	No	-	-	Yes	O	No	ABC	No	15.19.6, 16.2.6, 16.2.9

#### **Action requested of the Sub-Committee**

7 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the proposal above and take action as appropriate.

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