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ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE LUBRICANT REPORT SERVICE

Benefit from compliance with the new Vessel General Permit

The 2013 VGP now in force

On 19 December 2013, the former Vessel General Permit (VGP) is being replaced by its second edition from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): the 2013 VGP. This means that requirements will be strengthened even further regarding discharges from commercial vessels within US waters, with the aim to protect the area from ship-borne pollutants and invasive species.

New VGP regarding use of EAL

Among other fields where the new regulation applies, the 2013 VGP requires the use of environmentally acceptable lubricants

(EALs) in any oil-to-sea interface unless stated as technically infeasible. EAL is defined as a lubricant which is biodegradable, exhibits low toxicity to the aquatic organisms and has a low potential for bioaccumulation, for which it typically carries an acknowledged label.

Oil-to-sea interfaces refer to any surface or seal which could release small quantities of lubricant into the seawater. In this regard, particular attention has to be paid to stern tubes, thrusters, rudder bearings, controllable pitch propellers and more.

The new VGP determines the term “technically infeasible” as applicable in one of the following cases:

- No EAL product is approved for use in a given application that meets the manufacturer’s specifications for that equipment
- Pre-purchased lubricated products that have no available alternatives manufactured with EALs
- Products meeting the manufacturer’s specifications are not available within any port in which the vessel calls
- Changeover to and use of an EAL must wait until the vessel’s next dry docking

Easy EAL Report service from DNV GL

If the use of EALs for your vessel is technically infeasible, the 2013 VGP requires proper documentation to be kept onboard. To support you in this, DNV GL has developed a service for easy development of an EAL Report, together with the issuance of the corresponding compliance document: the DNV GL EAL Factual Statement of Compliance. We have already received positive feedback from the USA’s EPA and Coast Guard encouraging our approach to support vessel operators and inspectors.

Our full EAL support in detail

After placing your order, you will be provided with a template which guides you step by step through the process. Your technical department evaluates, selects and amends the items appropriate for your fleet and sends the completed template

and manufacturer documents (if applicable) back to DNV GL. Shortly after (usually within a week), Draft EAL Reports are sent back to you for checking, together with some comments. This cycle is completed by submitting the final EAL Reports to us. After verification, you receive a stamped copy of the EAL Report for each of your vessels, together with the corresponding DNV GL EAL Factual Statements of Compliance.

Your key benefits of our easy service

- Expertise, experience and practical tools for achieving EAL compliancy efficiently and reliably
- An easy-to-use template for customisation of your specific EAL Report
- Ship-specific EAL Reports for your entire fleet, providing added flexibility
- Verified and stamped EAL Reports to show compliancy from DNV GL
- DNV GL EAL Factual Statement of Compliance as trust-worthy proof
- An extensive network of experts around the globe, which only the world’s largest classification society can provide
- Smooth, easy processes that save you time and effort

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**ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE LUBRICANTS (EAL)
FACTUAL STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

Issued for
GERMANISCHER LLOYD

Name of Ship	Distinctive Number or Letters	Port of Registry	Gross Tonnage	IMO Number
TEST VESSEL	ABC	Test Port	12345	9876543

Owner: XY AG

Version: 1.0
Date of revision: 2013-11-15

WE HEREBY STATE THAT

Germanischer Lloyd (GL) has reviewed the EAL Report prepared by XY AG regarding the provisions of the Environmentally Acceptable Lubricant (EAL) requirements of the 2013 Vessel General Permit for Discharges incidental to the Normal Operation of Vessels (VGP). The EAL Report is solely based on ship-specific documentation, oil-to-sea interfaces and lubricant details, provided by XY AG. It is assumed XY AG will carry out any applicable reporting documented in the EAL Report. Accordingly, Germanischer Lloyd believes that TEST VESSEL complies with the EAL requirement of the VGP.

The above statement is only valid for the above referenced version and revision number of the EAL Report.

Verification date: 2013-11-15

This statement is valid for one year and expires on 2014-11-14.

In no respect does this statement prejudice the Authorities' decisions regarding interpretation of the statutory instrument.

Issued at Hamburg, the 20 day of November 2013

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Lubricant (EAL) Report**
according to final 2013 VGP

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