§ 151.06 Special areas.

(a) For the purposes of this part, the navigational descriptions of the special areas are as follows:

(1) The Mediterranean Sea area means the Mediterranean Sea proper including the gulfs and seas therein, with the boundary between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea constituted by the 41° N parallel and bounded to the west by the Straits of Gibraltar at the meridian of 5°36′ W.

(2) The Baltic Sea means the Baltic Sea proper with the Gulf of Bothnia, the Gulf of Finland, and the entrance to the Baltic Sea bounded by the parallel of the Skaw in the Skagerrak at 57°44.8′ N.

(3) The Black Sea area means the Black Sea proper with the boundary between the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea constituted by the parallel 41° N.

(4) The Red Sea area means the Red Sea proper including the Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba bounded at the south by the rhumb line between Ras si Ane (12°28.5′ N, 48°19.6′ E) and Husn Murad (12°40.4′ N, 48°30.2′ E).

(5) The Gulfs areas mean the sea area located northwest of the rhumb line between Ras al Hadd (22°30′ N, 59°48′ E) and Ras al Fartak (25°04′ N, 61°25′ E).

(6) The Gulf of Aden areas mean the part of the Gulf of Aden between the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea bounded to the west by the rhumb line between Ras si Ane (12°28.5′ N, 48°19.6′ E) and Husn Murad (12°40.4′ N, 48°30.2′ E) and to the east by the rhumb line between Ras Asir (11°50′ N, 51°16.9′ E) and the Ras Fartak (15°35′ N, 52°13.8′ E).

(7) The Antarctic areas mean the sea south of 60° south latitude.

(8) The North West European waters mean the North Sea and its approaches, the Irish Sea and its approaches, the Celtic Sea, the English Channel and its approaches and part of the North East Atlantic immediately to the west of Ireland. The area is bounded by lines joining the following points:

48°27′ N on the French coast
48°27′ N; 006°25′ W
49°52′ N; 007°44′ W
50°30′ N; 012° W
56°30′ N; 012° W
(9) The Oman area of the Arabian Sea means the sea enclosed by the following co-ordinates:

- 22°30′.00 N; 53°48′.00 E
- 23°47′.27 N; 06°25′.73 E
- 22°40′.62 N; 06°25′.29 E
- 21°47′.40 N; 06°3′.22 E
- 20°30′.37 N; 06°52′.41 E
- 19°45′.90 N; 06°25′.97 E
- 18°49′.92 N; 06°02′.94 E
- 17°44′.36 N; 06°16′.53 E
- 16°43′.71 N; 06°25′.62 E
- 15°03′.90 N; 05°9′.24 E
- 15°15′.20 N; 05°8′.52 E
- 14°36′.93 N; 05°8′.10 E
- 14°18′.93 N; 05°7′.27 E
- 14°11′.53 N; 05°6′.53 E
- 13°53′.80 N; 05°6′.19 E
- 13°45′.86 N; 05°5′.54 E
- 14°27′.38 N; 05°4′.51 E
- 14°40′.10 N; 05°4′.27 E
- 14°46′.21 N; 05°4′.08 E
- 15°20′.74 N; 05°3′.38 E
- 15°48′.69 N; 05°3′.22 E
- 16°23′.02 N; 05°3′.14 E

(10) The Southern South African waters means the sea enclosed by the following co-ordinates:

- 31°14′.5 S; 017°50′ E
- 31°30′ S; 017°12′ E
- 32°00′.0 S; 017°06′ E
- 32°32′ S; 016°52′ E
- 34°06′ S; 017°24′ E
- 36°58′ S; 020°54′ E
- 36°00′.0 S; 022°30′ E
- 35°14′ S; 022°54′ E
- 34°30′ S; 026°00′ E
- 33°46′ S; 027°25′ E
- 33°27′ S; 027°12′ E

(11) The North Sea area means the North Sea proper, including seas within the North Sea southwards of latitude 62° N and eastwards of longitude 4° W; the Skagerrak, the southern limit of which is determined east of the Skaw by latitude 57°44′.8′ N; and the English Channel and its approaches eastwards of longitude 5° W.

(12) The Wider Caribbean region means the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea proper, including the bays and seas therein and that portion of the Atlantic Ocean within the boundary constituted by the 30° N parallel from Florida eastward to 77°30′ W meridian, thence a rhumb line to the intersection of 20° N parallel and 59° W meridian, thence a rhumb line to the intersection of 7°20′ N parallel and 50° W meridian, thence a rhumb line drawn southwesterly to the eastern boundary of French Guiana.

(b) Special areas for the purpose of Annex I of MARPOL 73/78 include those referenced in §151.13. Special areas for the purposes of Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 include those referenced in §151.32. Special areas for the purpose of Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 include those referenced in §151.53.


§ 151.07 Delegations.

Each Coast Guard official designated as a Captain of the Port (COTP) or Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) or Commanding Officer, Sector Office, is delegated the authority to—

(a) Issue International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificates;

(b) Detain or deny entry to ships not in substantial compliance with MARPOL 73/78 or not having an IOPP Certificate or evidence of compliance with MARPOL 73/78 on board;

(c) Receive and investigate reports under §151.15; and

(d) Issue subpoenas to require the attendance of any witness and the production of documents and other evidence, in the course of investigations of potential violations of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1901–1911), this subpart, or MARPOL 73/78.


§ 151.08 Denial of entry.

(a) Unless a ship is entering under force majeure, no oceangoing tanker or any other oceangoing ship of 400 gross tons or more required by §151.10 to retain oil, oil residue, or oily mixtures on board while at sea, and no oceangoing ship carrying a Category A, B, or C NLS cargo or NLS residue in cargo tanks that are required to be prewashed under 46 CFR Part 153, may