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– incorrect information from Port State Control Officers

All approved SOPEP manuals should include an 'appendix 1', which is MEPC 6/Circ.8 – NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION.

Paragraph 2 of the above circular refers to both Annex 1 and Annex 2.

In many cases, Inspectors have found that some Port State Control Officials have caused confusion by insisting that the SOPEP manual should include **Annex 1**, which is a **port by port** listing of every environmental agency worldwide involved in marine pollution response, a document which runs to some 250 pages.

IMO has confirmed that this latter document is unnecessary and should not be included in a vessel's SOPEP manual. The document which should be included is:

Annex 2. List of NATIONAL operational contact points for the receipt, transmission and processing of urgent reports on incidents involving harmful substances, including oil from ships to coastal states.