

**[PHTBP MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 06-2001,
September 16, 2001]**

**ACCREDITATION OF OIL WATER SEPARATORS, OIL
CONTAINMENT, RECOVERY AND DISPERSAL EQUIPMENT AND
CHEMICAL DISPERSANTS**

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AUTHORITY**

Presidential Decree Number 600, as amended by PD 979, empowers the Philippine Coast Guard to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the prevention and control of marine pollution.

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SCOPE**

This Memorandum Circular shall apply the following:

- a. Vessels four hundred (400) gross tons and above and oil terminals discharging oily and dirty ballast;
- b. Self-propelled barges, tankers (150 GT and above), vessels towing dumb barges, refineries and depots;
- c. Oil refineries and major loading ports; and
- d. Manufacturers, dealers or distribution of oil-water separator, oil containment, recovery and dispersal equipment, or chemical dispersant.

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PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Circular is to prescribe the procedures for the accreditation of chemical dispersants, oil containment, recovery dispersal equipment and oil separators, prescribe requirements to be observed by the subjects of this Circular, and to impose the corresponding sanctions for its violation.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- a. All oil-water separating equipment installed on board Vessels 400 GT and above Oil Tankers 150 GT and above shall be duly approved by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to insure that any oil mixture discharged into the open sea, while the vessel is underway, after passing through the separators of filtering system have an oil content of not more than 15 parts per million (ppm).
- b. Self-propelled barges/tankers and vessels towing dumb barges containing oil in special areas shall have on board at least one (1) 210 liter drum of