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| **Adoption, entry into force & date of taking effect of Special Areas** |
| **Special Areas**  | **Adopted #** |  **Entry into Force** | **In Effect From** |
| **Annex I: Oil** |
| Mediterranean Sea  | 2 Nov 1973  | 2 Oct 1983 | 2 Oct 1983 |
| Baltic Sea | 2 Nov 1973  | 2 Oct 1983 | 2 Oct 1983 |
| Black Sea | 2 Nov 1973 | 2 Oct 1983 | 2 Oct 1983 |
| Red Sea | 2 Nov 1973 | 2 Oct 1983  | [\*](http://www.imo.org/environment/mainframe.asp?topic_id=760#star) |
| "Gulfs" area  | 2 Nov 1973 | 2 Oct 1983  | 1 Aug 2008 |
| Gulf of Aden | 1 Dec 1987  | 1 Apr 1989  | [\*](http://www.imo.org/environment/mainframe.asp?topic_id=760#star) |
| Antarctic area  | 16 Nov 1990 | 17 Mar 1992 | 17 Mar 1992 |
| North West European Waters  | 25 Sept 1997  | 1 Feb 1999  | 1 Aug 1999 |
| Oman area of the Arabian Sea | 15 Oct 2004  | 1 Jan 2007  | [\*](http://www.imo.org/environment/mainframe.asp?topic_id=760#star) |
| Southern South African waters | 13 Oct 2006 | 1 Mar 2008  | 1 Aug 2008  |
| **Annex II: Noxious Liquid Substances** |
| Antarctic area  | 30 Oct 1992 | 1 Jul 1994  | 1 Jul 1994 |
| **Annex IV: Sewage** |
| Baltic Sea | 15 Jul 2011 | 1 Jan 2013 | \*\* |
| **Annex V: Garbage** |
| Mediterranean Sea | 2 Nov 1973 | 31 Dec 1988  | 1 May 2009 |
| Baltic Sea  | 2 Nov 1973 | 31 Dec 1988  | 1 Oct 1989 |
| Black Sea | 2 Nov 1973  | 31 Dec 1988 | [\*](http://www.imo.org/environment/mainframe.asp?topic_id=760#star) |
| Red Sea  | 2 Nov 1973  | 31 Dec 1988 | [\*](http://www.imo.org/environment/mainframe.asp?topic_id=760#star) |
| "Gulfs" area  | 2 Nov 1973 | 31 Dec 1988 | 1 Aug 2008 |
| North Sea  | 17 Oct 1989  | 18 Feb 1991 | 18 Feb 1991 |
| Antarctic area (south of latitude 60 degrees south)  | 16 Nov 1990  | 17 Mar 1992  | 17 Mar 1992 |
| Wider Caribbean region including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea  | 4 Jul 1991  | 4 Apr 1993  | 1 May 2011 |
| **Annex VI: Prevention of air pollution by ships (Emission Control Areas)** |
| Baltic Sea (SOx ) | 26 Sept 1997  | 19 May 2005  | 19 May 2006 |
| North Sea (SOx) | 22 Jul 2005  | 22 Nov 2006  | 22 Nov 2007 |
| North American ECA (SOx and PM) | 26 Mar 2010 | 1 Aug 2011 | 1 Aug 2012 |
| (NOx) | 26 Mar 2010 | 1 Aug 2011 | \*\*\* |
| United States Caribbean Sea ECA (SOx and PM) | 26 Jul 2011 | 1 Jan 2013 | 1 Jan 2014 |
| (NOx) | 26 Jul 2011 | 1 Jan 2013 | \*\*\* |

# Status of multilateral conventions and instruments in respect of which the International Maritime Organization or its Secretary-General perform depositary or other functions as at 31 December 2002.

\* The Special Area requirements for these areas have not yet taken effect because of lack of notifications from MARPOL Parties whose coastlines border the relevant special areas on the existence of adequate reception facilities (regulations 38.6 of MARPOL Annex I and 5(4) of MARPOL Annex V).

\*\* The new special area requirements, which entered into force on 1 January 2013, will only take effect upon receipt of sufficient notifications on the existence of adequate reception facilities from Parties to MARPOL Annex IV whose coastlines border the relevant special area (regulation 13.2 of the revised MARPOL Annex IV, which was adopted by resolution MEPC.200(62) and which entered into force on 1 January 2013).

\*\*\* A ship constructed on or after 1 January 2016 and is operating in these emission control areas shall comply with NOx Tier III standards set forth in regulation 13.5 of MARPOL Annex VI.