

It is required for all tankers of GT \geq 150 tons and for other ships having spaces for carrying bulk oil cargo of aggregate capacity \geq 1000 m³. (Reg. 2.2)

It is not required if the tanker is carrying asphalt, etc., which cannot be effectively separated and monitored. (Reg. 2.4)

The ODMCS, and the oil content meter incorporated in it, shall be approved in accordance with the specifications in IMO Resolution.

It shall come into operation when there is any discharge of effluent.

The discharge shall be automatically stopped if the instantaneous rate of discharge exceeds the prescribed value, or if the ODMCS fails.

If it fails then a manually operated alternative method may be used.

PSC may allow a tanker to undertake a ballast voyage with a defective ODMCS before proceeding to a repair port.

It shall be fitted with a device for continuous recording of the following :

Discharge of oil in liters / mile and the total quantity discharged, or

Oil content (ppm) of the mixture discharged and the rate of discharge, and

Date and time of discharge.

The record shall be kept for at least 3 years.

An approved ODMCS manual shall be provided.

Flag State may waive the requirements of ODMCS subject to certain conditions as stated in Reg. 3.4 and 3.5 and interpretations 8, 9 and 10. If so, an appropriate entry for discharging shall be made in the ORB. Also the IOPP certificate shall be endorsed with sufficient information for the Port State to determine that the tanker complies with the conditions.