REG	OFFENCE	EXCEPTION/DEFENCE	LIABILITY/PENALTY
Reg.4	Bulk loading/carriage of any dangerous or noxious liquid substance	(i) Ship possesses valid INLS Certificate, BCH Code Certificate, IBC Code Certificate or a Certificate allowing the specific substance; or (ii) There is a written approval for such carriage from the appropriate agency	Borne by the Ship owner and Master of the Vessel and upon summary conviction liable to a fine of Five Million Naira (N5,000,000)
Reg.5	Discharge of any noxious liquid substance into the sea	Ability to demonstrate that: (i) The ship is not a Nigerian ship (ii) Discharge occurred outside Nigerian waters (iii) The ship was in a Nigerian port at the time proceedings were instituted owing to force majeure reasons	Borne by the Ship owner and Master of the Vessel and upon summary conviction liable to a fine of Five Million Naira (N5,000,000)
Reg. 12(1)(a)	Failure to ensure that with regard to the regulations, the vessel is seaworthy		Borne by the Ship owner and Master of the Vessel and upon summary conviction liable to a fine of Five Million Naira (N5,000,000)
Reg.12(1)(b)	Deliberate alteration/replacement of equipment in the Ship's Ballast tank after survey without approval from NIMASA		Borne by the Ship owner and Master of the Vessel and upon summary conviction liable to a fine of Five Million Naira (N5,000,000)
Reg.12(1)(c)	Failure to promptly notify NIMASA or appropriate authority in the event of an accident/discovery of a defect		Borne by the Ship owner and Master of the Vessel and upon summary conviction liable to a fine of Five Million Naira (N5,000,000)
4. MERCHANT SHIPPING (OIL POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION) REGULATIONS, 2012			
REG	OFFFENCE	EXCEPTION/DEFENCE	LIABILITY/PENALTY
Reg.13(1)(a)	Failure to submit OPEP[6] in accordance with Reg. 3(3),(4) or (5) (i) Reg.3(3) provides for a separate OPEP for each		Liability is borne by the ship owner or master to the tune of Ten Million Naira (₦10,000,000) or imprisonment for a term of Two years

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[6] Oil Pollution Emergency Plan