

	(ii) port/terminal/installation Reg.3(4) necessitates the submission of an OPEP to NIMASA for approval		
Reg.1 3(1)(c)	Non-implementation of the OPEP		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
Reg.1 3(1)(d)	Denying an Inspector, access to the Vessel		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
5. MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION OF OIL POLLUTION) REGULATIONS, 2012			
REG	OFFENCE	EXCEPTION/DEFENCE	LIABILITY/PENALTY
Reg.7(1)(a)	Failure to maintain the seaworthiness of the Vessel in relation to these regulations	Ability of the accused person(s) to demonstrate that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to avoid committing the offence	Upon conviction, the Ship owner and Master of the Ship shall be liable to a fine of not less than Ten Million Naira (N10,000,000) each
Reg.7(1)(b)	Deliberate alteration/replacement of the ship's equipment without the Minister's consent (after survey)	Ability of the accused person(s) to demonstrate that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to avoid committing the offence	Upon conviction, the Ship owner and Master of the Ship shall be liable to a fine of not less than Ten Million Naira (N10,000,000) each
Reg.7(2)(a)	Tardy/Belated notification to NIMASA of an accident/discovery of a defect (24 hour time prescribed limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the vessel is outside Nigeria, IMMEDIATE notification to the relevant authorities of the Convention country 	Ability of the accused person(s) to demonstrate that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to avoid committing the offence	Upon conviction, the Ship owner and Master of the Ship shall be liable to a fine of not less than Ten Million Naira (N10,000,000) each
	Belated notification to NIMASA or	Ability of the accused person(s) to demonstrate	Upon conviction, the Ship owner and Master