

ANNEX 17

**UNIFIED INTERPRETATION TO PARAGRAPHS 6, 7, 8 AND 11.8
OF REGULATION 12A OF MARPOL ANNEX I**

1 The distance “h” should be measured from the moulded line of the bottom shell plating at right angle to it (regulation 12A, Figure 1).

1.1 For vessels designed with a skeg, the skeg should not be considered as offering protection for the FO tanks. For the area within skeg’s width the distance “h” should be measured perpendicular to a line parallel to the baseline at the intersection of the skeg and the moulded line of the bottom shell plating as indicated in Figure A.

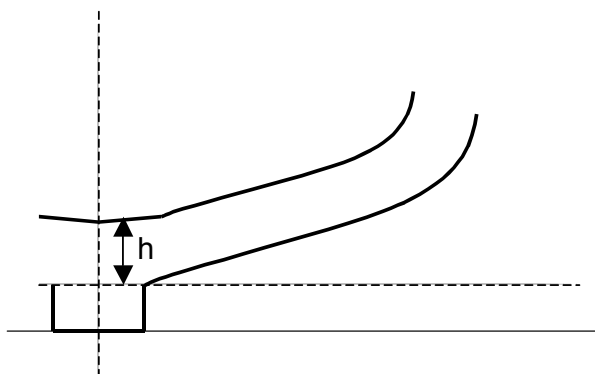


Figure A

1.2 For vessels designed with a permanent trim, the baseline should not be used as a reference point. The distance “h” should be measured perpendicular to the moulded line of the bottom shell plating at the relevant frames where fuel tanks are to be protected.

2 For vessels designed with deadrising bottom, the distance “1.5h” should be measured from the moulded line of the bottom shell plating but at right angle to the baseline, as indicated in Figure B.

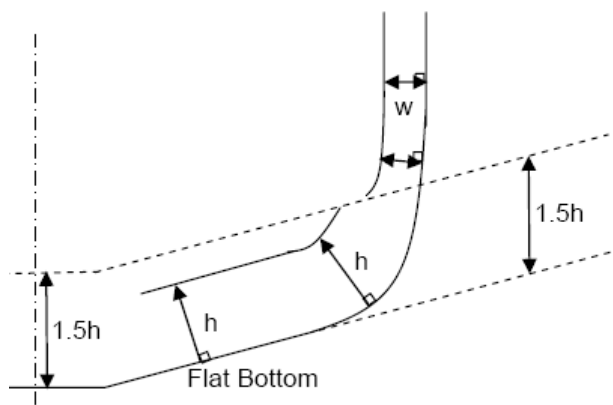


Figure B

3 Paragraphs 1 and 2, above also apply to the reference to the distance “h” in regulation 12A-11.8.
