

**Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change
(Environment and Climate Change Division)**

Communiqué

**Requirement for submission of Oil Spill Contingency Plan under section 60 of
the Environment Act 2024**

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division) wishes to inform the general public that, in view to initiate proactive measures to prevent any oil spill incidences and their associated impacts on the environment, provisions have been made for the following, in line with section 60 of the Environment Act 2024, which came into force on 01 August 2024:

- (1) Any person who conducts an activity associated with the storing or using of liquid fuel within their premises shall –
 - (a) undertake a risk assessment to identify all potential hazards and risks associated with the storage of the liquid fuel; and
 - (b) prepare and submit to the Director a contingency plan to address such risks.
- (2) The Director may direct any person who conducts an activity associated with the storing or using of liquid fuel to review the contingency plan at a specified frequency depending on the level of risk and location of the activity.
- (3) For an existing activity, the contingency plan shall be submitted within a period of 3 to 12 months, as from 01 August 2024.
- (4) For any new activity, the contingency plan shall be submitted prior to its coming into operation.
- (5) Any person who fails to comply with this section shall commit an offence.

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division) relies on the collaboration of the public to adopt proactive measures to avoid the occurrence of any oil spill incident which might adversely impact our environment.

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