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## **The Republic of Korea: Ban on single-hull tankers in 2011**

The Republic of Korea will ban all single-hull tanker operations starting in 2011 to better protect the environment from oil spills.

In accordance with the provisions of regulations 20 and 21 of MARPOL Annex I, the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Korea has decided that single-hull tankers with a deadweight tonnage of 5,000 tons will be barred from operating in territorial waters as of January 1st 2011.

In this regard, oil tankers of 5,000 tonnes deadweight and above will be denied entry into the ports, offshore terminals, and other waters under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Korea.

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