

**Agreement on the delimitation of regions of responsibility and cooperation in
combating pollution of the Baltic Sea by harmful substances
25 November 1987(1)**

The Government of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Government of the German Democratic Republic,
On the basis of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area,² to which the
Kingdom of Sweden and the German Democratic Republic are Contracting Parties,

Being aware of the responsibility of the Parties to this Convention to protect and enhance the marine environment of
the Baltic Sea Area,

Being mindful, in particular, of regulation 7 in Annex VI to the Convention, according to which the Contracting Parties
will take action for combating or salvage activities whenever a significant spillage of oil or other harmful substances or any
incidents causing or likely to cause pollution within the Baltic Sea Area have occurred or are likely to occur,
Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The boundary defining the regions of responsibility of the Contracting Parties, within which they will take action for
combating or salvage activities in the event of significant pollution of the Baltic Sea by oil or other harmful substances in the
water or of any incidents causing or likely to cause pollution within the Baltic Sea Area, shall coincide with the boundary of the
continental shelf between the Kingdom of Sweden and the German Democratic Republic as agreed upon in the "Treaty between
the German Democratic Republic and the Kingdom of Sweden on the delimitation of the continental shelf" of 22 June 19783 and
the annexed Protocol of the same date or subsequent amendments to that Treaty. The present Agreement shall not affect any
other agreements on delimitation concluded between the Contracting Parties.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties wish, in particular, to confirm their obligation to notify and inform each other in cases of the
kind referred to in Annex VI to the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area.

Article 3

Within the framework of the cooperation in combating marine pollution in the Baltic Sea Area, which is to take place
between the Contracting Parties in accordance with Annex VI to the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of
the Baltic Sea Area, the competent authorities shall cooperate in matters of a practical nature. The forms of such cooperation may
be established in direct contacts between the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties.

Article 4

A separate copy of this Agreement shall be transmitted to the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission.

Article 5

Either Contracting Party may denounce this Agreement in writing at any time. The Agreement shall cease to have
effect six months after the date on which the other Contracting Party receives notice of denunciation. The Contracting Party
denouncing the Agreement shall officially notify the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission of the denunciation.

Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date of signature.

DONE at Stockholm on 25 November 1987, in two original copies, in the Swedish and German languages, both texts
being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden: STEN ANDERSSON

F or the Government of the German Democratic Republic: OSKAR FISCHER

Endnotes

1 (Note - Note)

Registered by Sweden on 25 March 1991: No. 27984

Came into force on 25 December 1987, i.e. 30 days days after the date of signature, in accordance with article 6.

Authentic texts: Swedish and German.