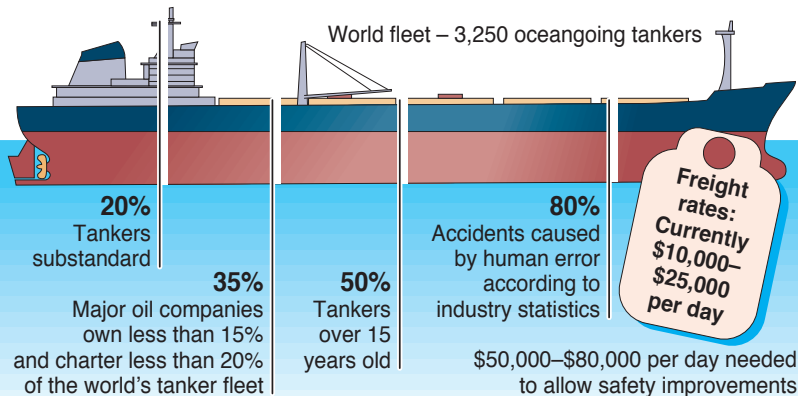


# Tanker safety – EC spurred to action

Recent oil spills off the coasts of Spain and Shetland have increased pressure on EC ministers to agree plans to improve shipping safety and reduce the incidence of severe pollution and consequent long-term damage to the EC's marine and coastal environment



## Double hulls:

Proposed by Germany but not agreed by other EC ministers. Mandatory in U.S. following Exxon Valdez disaster

## Flags of convenience:



EC propose crackdown on ships registered in countries with lower safety requirements, such as Panama and Liberia



## Proposed legislation

'No-go' zones for tankers and ships with dangerous cargoes.

Pilots to escort vessels into EC ports

## Global shipping losses

Ships lost around the world, 1976-1991 (tonnes millions)

