



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Malta Flag Technical Notice MARPOL.6 Reg. Amendments to MARPOL Annex V.

- Malta Maritime Administration has issued Technical Notice MARPOL.6, dated 24 January 2018 (copy attached) reminding all concerned regarding the entry into force on 1 March 2018 of the latest amendments to MARPOL Annex V adopted through Resolution MEPC. 277(70).
- By 1 March 2018, vessels are required to implement the changes associated with the handling procedures, management and record keeping of garbage onboard. These includes;
 - Solid bulk cargoes other than grain is required to be classified in accordance with Appendix I of MEPC. 277(70), and to be declared by the shipper as to whether or not they are Harmful to the Marine Environment (HME).
 - Amended form of Garbage Record Book is to be kept on board and entries to be made in the amended form. The new form of Garbage Record Book is divided into Part I and Part II. Part I of Garbage Record Book is applicable to all ships, while Part II is required only for ships carrying solid bulk cargoes.
 - A new category – “E-waste” is added under part I, which includes garbage such as electronic cards, gadgets, instruments, equipment, computers, printer cartridges, etc.
 - Garbage is to be handled taking into account amended garbage category.
- Ship-owners / managers are encouraged to order new format Garbage Record Books at the earliest opportunity to ensure that the correct form is on board and to voluntarily use the new format prior to 1 March 2018.
- The Malta Administration has no objection to the use of Garbage Record Books issued by suppliers and other Administrations, provided they are in the format specified in MARPOL Annex V. Appendix I, as amended.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. Malta – Technical Notice MARPOL.6, dated 24 January 2018



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