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MARPOL Annex V: Revised Requirements to onboard Garbage Management and to the Garbage Management Plan

Your attention is drawn to the revised version of Annex V, which enters into force on **1st January 2013**.

In that respect you are advised that the new Regulation 10 of Annex V stipulates exact requirements to garbage management on board the following ships and units:

- All ships of 100 GRT and above, and every ship certified to carry 15 or more persons, and fixed or floating platforms shall have a ***Garbage Management Plan***;
- All ships of 400 GRT and above, and every ship certified to carry 15 or more persons engaged in voyages to ports or offshore terminals of another Party, and every fixed or floating platform shall have a ***Garbage Record Book***.
- All ships of 12 metres or more in length overall, and fixed or floating platforms shall, as applicable, ***display Placards*** which notify the crew and passengers of the ship's disposal requirements of regulations 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Annex.

If not already started or implemented, we advise that you start the preparations for your onboard SMS procedures and routines to meet the new requirements by year-end, and that your revision/preparation is made in accordance with the enclosed **MEPC 220(63)**.

Accordingly, your onboard procedures should encompass and reflect the ***ship specific*** routines for:

- Prevention of pollution from garbage, incl. elements such as :
 - ✓ Reduction at source,
 - ✓ Reusing or recycling,
 - ✓ Onboard garbage treatment,
 - ✓ Discharge into the sea in those limited situations where it is permitted,
 - ✓ Discharge to a port reception facility.
- A designated person in charge of the onboard garbage management.
- Routines for collection of garbage.

To further assist you with the full compliance of the revised Annex V we also enclosed MEPC Res. **219(63)**, which is further exhaustive on the issue of onboard garbage management. The issues include:

- Introduction and definitions,
- Garbage management,
- Management of cargo residues of solid bulk cargoes,
- Training, education and information,
- Port reception facilities for garbage,
- Enhancement of compliance with MARPOL Annex V.

Enclosures: [Resolution MEPC.220\(63\)](#)
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