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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies

SUBJECT: REPORTING OF INADEQUATE MARPOL PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “ANF” – Advanced Notification Form
- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “MARPOL” – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978
- “MEPC” – IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee
- “WDR” – Waste Delivery Receipt

The term “Administration” shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this marine circular is to inform ship masters, officers, ship owners, operators and managers on the requirement for Tuvalu flagged vessels to report allegations of inadequate port reception facilities for oily wastes, noxious liquid substances, sewage, garbage, and/or ozone depleting substances and exhaust gas-cleaning system residues.

It provides the form to be used for such reporting (see Appendix I – reference (b) below), as well as sample formats for notifying the reception facility in advance of a MARPOL waste delivery (see Appendix II – reference (c) below) and for obtaining receipt of such a delivery (see Appendix III – reference (d) below).

REFERENCES:

- (a) MARPOL 73/78
- (b) IMO Circular MEPC.1/Circ.469/Rev.2, dated 27 June 2013
- (c) IMO Circular MEPC.1/Circ.644, dated 4 November 2008
- (d) IMO Circular MEPC.1/Circ.645, dated 4 November 2008
- (e) IMO Circular MEPC.1/Circ.671, dated 20 July 2009

APPLICATION:

This marine circular applies to all Tuvalu flagged vessels subject to MARPOL.

CONTENTS:

1. Procedures for reporting alleged Inadequate MARPOL Port Reception Facilities

- 1.1. Under IMO guidelines, the Master of a ship having encountered difficulties in discharging waste to reception facilities should forward a report, together with any supporting documentation, to the

Administration and, if possible, to the competent Authorities in the port State. Consideration may also be given to issuing a Letter or Note of Protest to the facility.

- 1.2. Masters may refer to MEPC.1/Circ.469/Rev.2 for the form to be used for reporting allegations of non-existent or inadequate port reception facilities and can be filled out electronically and then sent by email to: technical@tvship.com
- 1.3. If the allegations appear valid, the information contained on the form will be used as the basis for developing the report(s), which will be forwarded by this Administration to the IMO.
- 1.4. In addition, the Annual MARPOL Report filed by the Administration with the IMO also contains a listing of inadequate or non-existent port reception facilities reported during the past year.

2. ANF for Waste Delivery to Port Reception Facilities

- 2.1. Some port reception facilities, for logistical reasons, require advance notification from the ship of its intention to use the facilities. Although there is no current international legal requirement for the utilization of an ANF form, it is recommended by the Administration that Masters use the form as provided in MEPC.1/Circ.644.
- 2.2. The ANF should be retained on board the vessel with the appropriate Oil Record Book, Cargo Record Book or Garbage Record Book.

3. Waste Delivery Receipt (WDR)

- 3.1. Following delivery of MARPOL residues/wastes, the Master should request a WDR to document the type and quantity of MARPOL residues/wastes actually received by the facility. WDRs should be obtained for:
 - Oil, including sludge (MARPOL Annex I)
 - Noxious Liquid Substances (MARPOL Annex II)
 - Sewage (MARPOL Annex IV)
 - Garbage (MARPOL Annex V); and
 - Air Emissions residues/wastes (MARPOL Annex VI)
- 3.2. A WDR should be provided by a designated representative of a reception facility to the Master of a ship from which waste has just been delivered. If a WDR is not provided, the Master should request a WDR from the facility as it is important to document the type and quantity of MARPOL residues/wastes actually received by the facility. If the facility does not have its own WDR, the form provided in MEPC.1/Circ.645 may be used. Guidance on good practice for port reception facility users can be found in MEPC.1/Circ.671.
- 3.3. The WDR should be retained on board the vessel with the appropriate Oil Record Book, Cargo Record Book or Garbage Record Book.

Yours sincerely,

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