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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:

- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “ISM” – International Safety Management
- “MARPOL” – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978
- “MEPC” – IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee

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 of the revised MARPOL Annex V which came into force on 01 January 2013 and sets new regulatory requirements regarding the disposal of garbage from vessels.

The new amendments prohibit the disposal of almost all kinds of garbage at sea with the exemption under specific requirements of food waste, animal carcasses, cargo residues contained in wash water and environmental friendly cleaning agents.

As a result of these regulations, more and more vessels will be required to dispose their ship generated waste to reception facilities ashore thus placing further pressure for port States to ensure adequate port reception facilities are available to meet the needs of vessels whilst minimizing delays.

REFERENCES:

- (a) MARPOL 73/78 – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
- (b) IMO MEPC.1/Circ.834/Rev.1 – Consolidated Guidance for Port Reception Facility Providers and Users, dated 01 March 2018

APPLICATION:

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

CONTENTS:

Ship owners/managers/operators shall update, as necessary, their procedures for shipboard operations required under Section 7 of the ISM Code by incorporating the guidelines of MEPC.1/Circ.834/Rev.1.

Ship masters/officers of Tuvalu flagged vessels that encounter difficulties in discharging waste to reception facilities should report the pertinent information to this Administration in the format contained in Appendix 1 of MEPC.1/Circ.834/Rev.1 and may include the Master's own report.

Yours sincerely,

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