Amendments to MARPOL ANNEX V concerning regional reception facilities within Arctic waters and Garbage Record Book



Relevant for ship owners and managers

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Introduction

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The amendment includes the followings:

- Reg. 8 / Paragraphs 3 will be replaced by new phrases.
- Reg. 10 / Paragraphs 3 & 3.6 will be replaced by new phrases.

Amended Reg. 10.3: Every ship of 100 gross tonnage and above and every ship which is certified to carry 15 or more persons engaged in voyages to ports or offshore under the jurisdiction of another Party to the Convention and every fixed or floating shall be provided with a Garbage Record Book.



Definitions

Garbage means all kinds of food wastes, domestic wastes and operational wastes, all plastics, cargo residues, incinerator ashes, cooking oil, fishing gear, and



animal carcasses generated during the normal operation of the ship and liable to be disposed of continuously or periodically except those substances which are defined or listed in other Annexes to the present Convention. Garbage does not include fresh fish and parts thereof generated as a result of fishing activities undertaken during the voyage, or as a result of aquaculture activities which involve the transport of fish including shellfish for placement in the aquaculture facility and the transport of harvested fish including shellfish from such facilities to shore for processing.

Special area means a sea area where for recognized technical reasons in relation to its oceanographic and ecological condition and to the particular character of its traffic the adoption of special mandatory methods for the prevention of sea pollution by garbage is required.

Amendment Res.MEPC.360 (79) to MARPOL ANNEX V

Regulation 8 - Reception facilities

The words "sub-paragraph 3.1" In the first sentence of paragraph 2.2 are replaced by the words "paragraph 2.1"

Reg. 8.2.2: Each Party concerned shall notify the Organization of the measures taken pursuant to paragraph 2.1 of this regulation. Upon receipt of sufficient notifications the Organization shall establish a date from which the requirements of regulation 6 of this Annex in respect of the area in question are to take effect. The Organization shall notify all Parties of the date so established no less than twelve months in advance of that date. Until the date so established, ships that are navigating in a special area shall comply with the requirements of regulation 4 of this Annex as regards discharges outside special areas.

Reg. 8.3: The following States may satisfy the requirements in paragraphs 1 and 2.1 of this regulation through regional arrangements when, because of those States' unique circumstances, such arrangements are the only practical means to satisfy these requirements: (Replaced by Res.MEPC.360 (79))

- 1. small island developing States; and
- 2. States the coastline of which borders on Arctic waters, provided that regional arrangements shall cover only ports within Arctic waters of those States.
 - Parties participating in a regional arrangement shall develop a Regional Reception Facilities Plan, taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization.
- Paragraph 3 is replaced. Take in to the account paragraph 1 and 2.1, reception facilities should provision of adequate facilities at ports and terminals for each party, and in special area party undertakes to ensure that as soon as

possible from reception facilities in ports and terminals. For that reason some parties for this reason, some parties act to fulfill the requirements through regional arrangements.

Regulation 10 – Placards, garbage management plans and garbage record-keeping

- The first sentence of the paragraph 3 is replaced. In this paragraph talk about which ships must have garbage record book onboard.
- Every ship of 400 gross tonnage and above has changed to ship of 100 gross tonnage and above.

Reg. 10.3: Every ship of 100 gross tonnage and above and every ship which is certified to carry 15 or more persons engaged in voyages to ports or offshore under the jurisdiction of another Party to the Convention and every fixed or floating shall be provided with a Garbage Record Book.

Reg. 10.6: In the event of any discharge or accidental loss referred to in regulation 7 of this annex an entry shall be made in the Garbage Record Book, or in the case of any ship of less than 100 gross tonnage, an entry shall be made in the ship's official logbook of the date and time of occurrence, port or position of the ship at time of occurrence (latitude, longitude and water depth if known), the reason for the discharge or loss, details of the items discharged or lost, categories of garbage discharged or lost, estimated amount for each category in cubic meters, reasonable precautions taken to prevent or minimize such discharge or accidental loss and general remarks. / END

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