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CIRCULAR TO SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, AGENTS AND ALL RELEVANT PARTIES.

DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE FROM SHIPS.

Owners, operators and Masters are hereby reminded that Regulations contained in Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from ships (MARPOL 73/78) – Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships were put into force on the 1st July 1998. The most important features of the annex are the total prohibition of the disposal of plastics anywhere into the sea and severe restrictions on discharges of other garbage from ships into coastal waters and *Special Areas*

These regulations require:

- every ship of 12 metres or more in length to display placards notifying passengers and crew of the disposal requirements of the regulation; the placards should be in the official language of the ships flag state and also in English for ships travelling to other states' ports or to offshore terminals.
- every ship of 400gt and above, or ships certified to carry 15 persons or more, to develop and follow a shipboard *waste management plan** and be fitted with equipment required to operate in accordance with the waste management plan; and
- every ship of 400gt and above, or ships certified to carry 15 persons or more, engaged on international voyages to maintain a *Garbage Record Book***.

* The Waste Management Plan is to contain written procedures for collecting, storing, processing and disposing of garbage, including the use of equipment on board. The garbage management plan should have a designated person responsible for carrying out the plan and should be in the working language of the crew.

** The Garbage Record Book shall as a minimum contain:

1. A record of all disposal and incineration operations.
2. The date, time and position of ship, description of garbage and estimated amount incinerated or discharged has to be logged and signed.

The record book must be kept on board for a period of two years after the date of last entry.

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