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Circular CAM 005/2018

Subject: Amendments to MARPOL, Annex V – Garbage Record Book
To: All Accredited Shipping Managers, ship owners, ship operators, Masters, designated persons of Luxembourg flagged ships, RO's and Flag State Inspectors
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Companies are hereby reminded that the amendments to Annex V of the MARPOL Convention related to the Form of Garbage Record Book entered into force on 1st March 2018. These amendments were adopted by IMO [Resolution MEPC.277\(70\)](#) and include the following changes :

- Amendments to the garbage discharge provisions (Regulation 4 and 6 of the Annex V of the MARPOL Convention) providing criteria for the classification of solid bulk cargoes as harmful to the marine environment (HME);
- Form of Garbage Record Book improved in order to distinguish the information on delivery/discharge to Port Reception Facilities (PRF) of cargo residues. New form will consist of two parts :
 - Part I remains similar to the present form and is for the use of all ships,
 - Part II is only required for ships carrying solid bulk cargoes; it includes records for Cargo residues only (HME and Non-HME);
- New category of waste “e-waste” is included in form of Garbage Record Book. Definition for this category of waste has been laid down in the 2012 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V ([Resolution MEPC.219\(63\)](#)), as amended by [Resolution MEPC.239\(65\)](#));
- Additional table introduced in Part I of the form of Garbage Record Book to ensure the records on exceptional discharges or loss of garbage under Regulation 7 (Exceptions) is kept;
- Alignment of the Regulation 10 of Annex V (Placards, garbage management plans and garbage record-keeping) with the amended form of the Garbage Record Book.

In addition to these amendments, the changes to the standard format of the advance notification form for waste delivery to PRF related to new category of “e-waste” can be found in Appendix 2 of the revised [MEPC.1/Circ.834](#) (Consolidated Guidance for Port Reception Facility Providers and Users).

Adequate dissemination of this information within your company and to the Luxembourg flagged vessels which are affected is requested.



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