



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

The Date on which the special discharge requirements in the Mediterranean Sea area under Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 shall take effect

To : Shipowners, Ship managers, Operators, Masters and Officers

Summary

This Note advises that the Special Area discharge requirements under Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 shall take effect in the Mediterranean Sea area on 1 May 2009.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 57th session in April 2008 decided, by resolution MEPC.172(57), that the discharge requirements for Special Areas in regulation 5 of Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 shall take effect in the Mediterranean Sea area on **1 May 2009**. However, immediately compliance with the Special Area requirements for the Mediterranean Sea area on a voluntary basis is encouraged.
2. A copy of the resolution MEPC.172(57) is attached for ready reference.
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators, Master and Officers are advised to note the discharge requirements and act accordingly.

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