



## 香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

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**Amendments to the Annex IV of the MARPOL 73/78**

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies*

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the IMO amendments to the Annex IV of the MARPOL 73/78 in the designation of Baltic Sea as a special area that will enter into force internationally on 1 January 2013.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization at its 62nd session (MEPC 62) in July 2011 adopted the resolution MEPC.200(62) to amend the Annex IV of the MARPOL 73/78. The amendments designate the Baltic Sea as a special area for the purpose of sewage control and will prohibit passenger ships from discharging sewage within a special area. The amendments will enter into force internationally on 1 January 2013.
2. The details of the related resolution can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and act accordingly.
3. A table listing the different sets of amendments to the Annex IV to the MARPOL 73/78 ever adopted by IMO with the date of entry into force on or before 1 January 2013 is attached as Annex 1 to this Note for easy reference.

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