



## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Prevention of Pollution by Garbage**

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers and Masters*

**Summary**

This information note draws the attention of Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Officers to the implementation of the new Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulation (Cap. 413O).

1. The IMO Resolution MEPC.201(62), which revised MARPOL Annex V, entered into force on 1 January 2013. The key changes made in the revision were :
  - a. enhance control by expanding the definition of “Garbage” to include new categories / substances;
  - b. tighten discharge requirements of garbage; and
  - c. introduce new requirements for placard, Garbage Management Plan and Garbage Record Book.
2. Marine Department issued MSIN no. 49 in 2012 to inform the shipping industries regarding the MARPOL Annex V revision and the associated guidelines for the implementation of the revision. Details of the MSIN no. 49/2012 can be found on <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/pdf/msin1249.pdf>.
3. This information note serves to inform that a new Regulation, namely, the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulation (Cap. 413O) giving effect to the latest requirements of the MARPOL Annex V has come into operation on 1 July 2015. The new Regulation (Cap. 413O) applies to ships within Hong Kong waters and Hong Kong registered ships wherever they are. Details of Cap. 413O can be found on <http://www.legislation.gov.hk/eng/home.htm>.<sup>\*</sup>
4. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and officers are required to observe and comply with the requirements of the new Regulation (Cap. 413O).

5. For enquiries, please contact the Senior Surveyor of Ship / Maritime Policy Branch at telephone no. 28524395 or e-mail to “hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk”.

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\* With effect from 1 July 2018, Hong Kong e-Legislation (HKeL) (<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk>) will be the only government legislation website. The previous Bilingual Laws Information System (<http://www.blis.gov.hk>) will be discontinued.