



## 香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV**

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

**Summary**

This Note informs that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO at its 69<sup>th</sup> session has adopted two resolutions to amend the effective dates for sewage discharge requirements in regulation 11.3 of MARPOL Annex IV.

1. The MEPC at its 69<sup>th</sup> session adopted resolution MEPC.274(69) and MEPC.275(69) to establish the effective dates in regulation 11.3 of MARPOL Annex IV in respect of the Baltic Sea Special Area for passenger ships. The amendments to MARPOL Annex IV will enter into force internationally on 1 September 2017.
2. According to MARPOL Annex IV, the discharge of sewage from a passenger ship within the Baltic Sea Special Area is prohibited unless the ship has in operation an approved sewage treatment plant which meets the effluent standards as provided for in the “*Guidelines on implementation of effluent standards and performance test for sewage treatment plants*” (resolution MEPC.227(64)) after the following dates :
  - (a) 1 June 2019 for new passenger ships;
  - (b) 1 June 2021 for existing passenger ships other than those specified in paragraph (c) below; and
  - (c) 1 June 2023 for existing passenger ships en route directly to or from a port located outside the special area and to or from a port located east of longitude 28° 10' E within the special area without making any other port calls within the special area.
3. Resolutions MEPC.274(69) and MEPC.275(69) are annexed to this Note and can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
4. All parties concerned are advised to follow the MEPC resolutions provided in this Information Note and act accordingly.

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