

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 13/2020

(Statutory Requirements)

Implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2019

This Notice informs the shipping industry that the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2019 (the “Amendment Regulation”) for incorporating the latest requirements of the Annex V to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (“MARPOL”) adopted by the International Maritime Organization under Resolution MEPC.277(70) has entered into force on 1 January 2020. Details of the Amendment Regulation are available on the following website:-

<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20192341/es220192341128.pdf>

2. The Amendment Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulation (Cap. 413O), which requires:-

(a) the classification of harmful substances to the marine environment as specified in Annex V to MARPOL shall be complied with; and

(b) a ship which is:

(i) of 400 GT or above and is certified to carry less than 15 persons;

(ii) of 400 GT or above, certified to carry 15 or more persons and engaged in a voyage of more than one hour in duration; or

(iii) certified to carry 15 or more persons and engaged in an international voyage of more than one hour;

to use new form of Garbage Record Book (“GRB”) to record the handling of shipboard garbage in line with the latest Annex V to MARPOL requirements. The new form of GRB is given in the Appendix to this Notice for reference purpose.

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3. The new form of GRB can be purchased from the Marine Department or the Government Bookstore. It is also available on the MD's websites for downloading:-

https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/others/pdf/marpol_garbage_one.pdf

and

https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/others/pdf/marpol_garbage_two.pdf

4. Masters, coxswains, owners/operators of ships are required to observe and comply with the Amendment Regulation. For enquiries, please contact Senior Surveyor of the Maritime Policy Branch (Telephone number: 2852 4395 or e-mail: hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk).

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