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TO : ALL SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, MASTER AND OFFICERS OF PHILIPPINE REGISTERED SHIPS ENGAGED IN OVERSEAS TRADE, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : COMPLIANCE TO THE AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEX V (REGULATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY GARBAGE FROM SHIPS)

1. Notice is hereby given to all concerned that **Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978** related thereto, has been amended through MEPC.277(70) and the amendments shall **enter into force on 01 March 2018**.
2. The amendments emphasized on determining the category of cargo residues from solid bulk cargoes as per regulation VI/1-1.2 of SOLAS, other than grain, whether or not the cargo is harmful to the marine environment (HME) in accordance with the criteria as set out in the new Appendix I of MARPOL Annex V.
3. A new format of Garbage Record Book (GRB) is required that takes into consideration the inclusion of e-waste and the categories of cargo residues (non-HME/HME).
4. In summary, the salient features of these amendments are the following:
 - 4.1. The **shipper** shall declare whether the cargo is non-HME or HME in the declaration as set out under section 4.2.3 of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code.
 - 4.2. The new GRB shall be divided into two (2) parts, namely:
 - 4.2.1. Part I for all garbage other than cargo residues (**applicable to all ships**); and,
 - 4.2.2. Part II for all cargo residues (**applicable to ships carrying solid bulk cargoes**).
 - 4.3. The new garbage categories are as follows:
 - 4.3.1. Part I
 - A. Plastics
 - B. Food Waste
 - C. Domestic Waste
 - D. Cooking oil
 - E. Incinerator ashes



- F. Operational waste
- G. Animal carcasses
- H. Fishing gear
- I. E-waste

4.3.2. Part II

- J. Cargo residues (non-HME)
- K. Cargo residues (HME)

4.4. The new GRB discharge table emphasizes the recording of starts and stops/date/time/position of the ship (latitude/longitude) during incineration. Likewise, a table for reporting exceptional discharge or loss of garbage and the details thereof was created.

4.5. The new GRB part II included entries for position of the ship (latitude/longitude) or port if discharged ashore or port; whether non-HME or HME; estimated amount of discharge to sea, reception facilities or to another ship; and, start and stop positions of the ship for discharges into the sea. **Receipts obtained from receptions facilities shall be kept onboard for at least two (2) years from the date of the last entry and may be a subject of inspection by Port State Control together with the records from the new GRB.**


5. Companies are advised to provide their ships the new format of the GRB starting 01 March 2018. Furthermore, placards and Garbage Management Plans shall be revised as necessary to satisfy the amendments to MARPOL Annex V.

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