



Merchant Shipping Directorate



SOLID BULK CARGOES CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT (HME) – DISCHARGE OF CARGO HOLD WASH WATER

Technical Notice MARPOL.4

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

Reference MEPC.1/Circ.810 – *Adequate reception facilities for cargoes declared as harmful to the marine environment under MARPOL Annex V*

The attention of all concerned is directed to the provisions of MEPC.1/Circ.810 of 27 June 2013 and the conditions prescribed therein in respect of the dispensation being granted until 31 December 2015 for the discharge overboard of cargo hold wash water from holds previously containing solid bulk cargoes classified as Harmful to the Marine Environment (HME).

In this context, once all the conditions are satisfied and discharge overboard is therefore permissible, full details of the operation shall be duly recorded in the Garbage Record Book.

Furthermore, the reporting on the inadequacy of port reception facilities to the Flag State shall be drawn up in the form presented in the Annex to MEPC.1/Circ.469/Rev.2. The Reporting Form is to be supplemented with the Master's Report and any supporting documentation.

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