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Guidance and Instructions for Bahamas Recognised Organisations, Bahamas Approved Nautical Inspectors, Ship Owners, Managers and Masters

1. Purpose

1.1. This Bulletin outlines amendments to the format of the Garbage Record Books required under Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as amended (MARPOL).

1.2. This Bulletin supersedes Technical Alert 17-02.

2. Application

2.1. Existing Garbage Record Books issued by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) may continue to be used until 28 February 2018, subject to paragraph 4 of this Bulletin.

2.2. BMA Garbage Record Book Revision 1 is not to be used after 28 February 2018.

2.3. From 01 March 2018, the new Garbage Record Book Part I shall be provided to every ship of 400 gross tonnage and above, every ship which is certified to carry 15 or more persons engaged in voyages to ports or offshore terminals under the jurisdiction of another Party to the Convention and every fixed or floating platform, to record discharge of garbage.

2.4. From 01 March 2018, the new Garbage Record Book Part II shall also be provided to record discharge of cargo residues for ships that carry solid bulk cargoes.

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3. Introduction

3.1. Garbage Record Books are required to be in the format specified in the Appendix to MARPOL Annex V.

3.2. The current version of the Garbage Record Book provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) is Revision 1 of August 2012.

4. Amendments to Garbage Record Book – Polar Code

4.1. Annex V of MARPOL was amended by IMO Resolution MEPC.265(68) to include references to the Polar Code, which entered into force on 01 January 2017.

4.2. Consequently, changes to the text in the chapeau of section 4.1.3 of the current Garbage Record Book issued by the BMA (Rev.1 August 2012) are necessary, to include reference to Chapter 5 of Part II-A of the Polar Code, as follows:

"4.1.3 When garbage is discharged into the sea in accordance with regulation 4, 5 or 6 of MARPOL Annex V or chapter 5 of part II-A of the Polar Code"

4.3. The Master or other responsible representative of the Company may make hand written amendments to section 4.1.3 on page 2 of the Garbage Record Book for the purposes of bringing the book into compliance with the revised IMO model specified in MEPC.265(68), using the blue/underlined text in paragraph 4.2 above. The entry should be initialled by the person making the change.

4.4. A copy of the statement attached at Annex 1 and/or a copy of this Bulletin should be attached to any amended Garbage Record Book as evidence of Flag State approval of this procedure.

5. Amendments to Garbage Record Book – new format

5.1. The format of the Garbage Record Book was amended by MEPC.277(70) and the amendments will enter into force on 01 March 2018.

5.2. MEPC.277(70) splits the Garbage Record Book into two parts: Garbage Record Book Part I to record discharge of garbage from ships and Garbage

Record Book Part II to record discharge of cargo residues from ships carrying solid bulk cargoes.

5.3. Garbage Record Book Part I is to be used by all ships to which MARPOL Annex V applies from 01 March 2018.

5.4. In addition to paragraph 5.3, Garbage Record Book Part II is to be used by all ships that may carry solid bulk cargoes from 01 March 2018.

5.5. Garbage Record Book Parts I & II are available from the BMA and may be ordered from the BMA Publications section. Please refer to BMA Information Bulletin No. 152 for ordering details.

5.6. Companies operating ships registered in The Bahamas are encouraged to order new format Garbage Record Books at the earliest opportunity to ensure that the correct format is on board before 01 March 2018.

5.7. The BMA has no objection to the voluntary use of the new format Garbage Record Books prior to 01 March 2018.

5.8. The BMA has no objection to the use of Garbage Record Books issued by other suppliers and Administrations, provided that they are in the format specified in MARPOL Annex V, Appendix I, as amended by MEPC.277(70). However, it should be noted that Port State Control officers sometimes raise deficiencies where MARPOL Record Books are used which are not issued by the ship's flag State.

6. Revision History

Rev.0 (31 July 2017) – First issue

Bahamas Maritime Authority
MARPOL73/78 Annex V Garbage Record Book, Rev.1 August 2012

To whom it may concern:

Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 has been revised by IMO Resolution MEPC.265(68) which entered into force on 01 January 2017.

Consequently, changes to the text in the chapeau of section 4.1.3 of the current Garbage Record Book (Rev.1 August 2012) are necessary, to include reference to Chapter 5 of Part II-A of the Polar Code, as follows (new text in blue):

> *"4.1.3 When garbage is discharged into the sea in accordance with regulation 4, 5 or 6 of MARPOL Annex V or chapter 5 of part II-A of the Polar Code..."*

Further amendments to the form of the Garbage Record Book were approved at the 70th session of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee in October 2016 and will enter into force on 01 March 2018. The BMA will be publishing new Garbage Record Books, which will include all amendments.

Until the new Garbage Record Books are available, the Bahamas Maritime Authority accepts that ships may continue to use Rev.1 of the Garbage Record Book, provided it has been appropriately amended.

The Master or other responsible representative of the Company, may make hand written amendments to section 4.1.3 on page 2 of Rev.1 of the Garbage Record Book for the purposes of bringing the book into compliance with the revised IMO model specified in MEPC.265(68). Any amendment shall be initialled by the person making the change.

A copy of this letter should be affixed to any amended Garbage Record Book as evidence of Flag State approval of this procedure.

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