

**Notice on Establishing of Non Discharge Zone (NDZ)
for Marine Waters of the State of California for Sewage Discharge
Effective on or after 28 March 2012**

All relevant shipping companies:

According to the Marine Notice 17-12 released by the Maritime Administrator of Republic of Marshall Islands on Feb. 28, 2012, the United States (US) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is establishing a No Discharge Zone (NDZ) for marine waters of the State of California for sewage discharges from all passenger vessels of 300 gross tons or greater and for oceangoing vessels of 300 gross tons or greater with available holding tank capacity or containing sewage generated while the vessel was outside California marine waters. The designation comes into effect on March 28, 2012. For more details, please refer to the attached electronic copy of MSAdvisory 17-12.

All relevant shipping companies are advised to pay due attention to the Notice and take appropriate actions.

Hereby notify the above.

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Attachment: MSAdvisory 17-12 (California-No Discharge Zone)

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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY NO. 17-12

To: Regional Marine Safety Offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters, Owners/Agents

Subject: CALIFORNIA – NO DISCHARGE ZONE

Date: 28 February 2012

Please be advised that the United States (US) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is establishing a No Discharge Zone (NDZ) for marine waters of the State of California for sewage discharges from all passenger vessels of 300 gross tons or greater and for oceangoing vessels of 300 gross tons or greater with available holding tank capacity or containing sewage generated while the vessel was outside California marine waters. California marine waters extend out to three (3) nautical miles from the baseline. The designation comes into effect on 28 March 2012.

The EPA has changed the description of the class of covered large oceangoing vessels so that it applies to all large oceangoing vessels that have not fully utilized available holding tank capacity or that contain sewage generated outside the NDZ. The NDZ for the marine waters of the State of California applies to the two (2) classes of vessels mentioned above. Vessels within these two (2) classes are completely prohibited from discharging any sewage (whether treated or not) within the NDZ.

Definitions:

Marine waters of the State of California means the territorial sea measured from the baseline as determined in accordance with the Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone and extending seaward a distance of three (3) miles, and all enclosed bays and estuaries subject to tidal influences from the Oregon border (41.999325 North Latitude, 124.212110 West Longitude, decimal degrees, NAD 1983) to the Mexican border (32.471231 North Latitude, 117.137814 West Longitude, decimal degrees, NAD 1983). A map illustrating these waters can be obtained from EPA or viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/no-discharge/overview.html>.

Large passenger vessel means a passenger vessel, as defined in section 2101(22) of title 46, United States Code, of 300 gross tons or more, as measured under the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, measurement system in 46 U.S.C. 14302, or the

regulatory measurement system of 46 U.S.C. 14502 for vessels not measured under 46 U.S.C. 14302, that has berths or overnight accommodations for passengers.

Large oceangoing vessel means a private, commercial, government, or military vessel of 300 gross tons or more, as measured under the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, measurement system in 46 U.S.C. 14302, or the regulatory measurement system of 46 U.S.C. 14502 for vessels not measured under 46 U.S.C. 14302, that is not a large passenger vessel.

Holding tank means a tank specifically designed, constructed, and fitted for the retention of treated or untreated sewage, that has been designated and approved by the ship's flag Administration on the ship's stability plan; a designated ballast tank is not a holding tank for this purpose.

For complete details refer to [77 Fed. Reg. 11401](#).