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**Subject: MARPOL Annex IV (Sewage) – Implementation date**

All ships (including existing ships) under the application of MARPOL Annex IV are required to comply with the Provision of revised MARPOL Annex IV (Sewage) Regulations from 27 September 2008. This date is 5 years after the entry into force of original MARPOL Annex IV.

In order to comply with MARPOL Annex IV, all ships are required to equip with either a sewage treatment plant, a sewage comminuting system or a sewage holding tank (Types to be approved by the Administrations or their recognized organizations).

All existing ships which are not currently complying with the regulations are required to conduct an initial survey to verify the compliances and procedures onboard before 27 September 2008. The initial survey shall include a complete survey of its structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and material in so far as the ship is covered by the Annex IV. An International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate shall be issued after an initial survey with the validation of not more than 5 years.

MARPOL Annex IV, applies to ships engaged in International voyages:

- of 400 Gross Tonnage and above and
- of less than 400 Gross Tonnage, certified to carry more than 15 persons ( Crew + Passengers )

For the purpose of MARPOL Annex IV, a new ship is a ship which meets one of the following criteria,

- Contracted for construction on/after 27 September 2003 or, in the absence of a construction contract, the keel is laid on/after 27 September 2003 : or
- The ship is delivered on/after 27 September 2006

An existing ship is a ship other than a new ship.

All Administrations, ship owners and Managers are urged to take early actions to prepare for the compliance with MARPOL Annex IV if there are any existing ships needed to comply with the regulations.