

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: REGULATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY SEWAGE FROM SHIPS ANNEX IV OF MARPOL 73/78

PURPOSE: To inform the entry into force of the international regulation relating to the discharge of sewage from ships

APPLICABILITY: new ships of 400 gross tonnage and above; and
new ships of less than 400 gross tonnage which are certified to carry more than 15 persons; and
existing ships of 400 gross tonnage and above, not later than 27 September 2008
existing ships of less than 400 gross tonnage which are certified to carry more than 15 persons, not later than 27 September 2008.

REQUIREMENTS:

The new regulations contained in the Annex IV of the International Conventions for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships MARPOL /78, would become Internationally effective on the 27 September 2003. The intention of the Commonwealth of Dominica is to ratify the such annex shortly after the date of international entry into force, in that regard a Marine Safety Circular will be issued with the exact date of entry into force for the Commonwealth of Dominica.

DOCUMENT TO BE ISSUED

An International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate will be issued after completion of the initial survey, and is valid for five years. For that purpose DMRI delegated the survey and certification function for Commonwealth of Dominica vessels to the Recognized Classification Societies when implementing the legislation. In the mean while, the recognized classification societies may issued a “CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE” on behalf of the administration, when requested by a Commonwealth of Dominica shipowner / operator.

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