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To: Shipowners /Agents, Operators, Masters of Georgian flagged ships Port Facility Operators of all sea ports of Georgia

## Subject: GUIDANCE FOR PORT RECEPTION FACILITY PROVIDERS AND USERS

IMO resolution MEPC.1/Circ.834 provides the consolidated guidance for port reception facility providers and users and presents a practical users guide for ships crew who seek to deliver MARPOL residues/wastes ashore and for port reception facility providers who seek to provide timely, efficient port reception services to ships.

The Guidance is developed for use by shipmasters/owners/operators/agents and port Authorities/port reception facility operators, to provide a summary of the main considerations which should be taken into account when delivering and receiving MARPOL residues/wastes. It begins with a basic overview of the basis for the use of PRFs. The remainder of the document is divided into two sections: one which outlines good practices for ships and the other focusing on good practices for reception facilities. Sources of useful supplementary information are referenced at the end of the document. Additionally, in the appendices of the document standardized formats are provided: the Format for Reporting Alleged Inadequacies of Port Reception Facilities; an Advance Notification Form (ANF) for shipmasters/owners/operators to notify port operators of their MARPOL residue/waste disposal needs; and a recommended Waste Delivery Receipt (WDR) format for PRF operators. Appendix 4 contains an overview of the waste reception facility reporting requirements for both port States and flag States, the full and effective implementation of which is of paramount importance for the identification and implementation of the necessary actions to be taken towards the provision of adequate reception facilities in many ports worldwide.

The resolution invites Member Governments and Parties to the MARPOL Convention to bring the Guidance to the attention of all entities concerned. In particular, port States are invited to make the Guidance available at port reception facilities, and flag States are invited to make it available to shipowners and masters.

The resolution requests the Flag States to distribute the form REPORT OF ALLEGED INADEQUACIES OF PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES (appendix 1 of the resolution) to ships and urge masters to report alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities to the Administration of the flag State. Flag States are also requested to notify IMO, for transmission to the Parties concerned, of any case where facilities are alleged to be inadequate, and to inform the port State of the alleged inadequacies.

Maritime Transport Agency of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia requests all Port Reception Facilities providers in all sea ports of Georgia to acknowledge and follow the guidance as described in MEPC.1/Circ.834.

MTA Georgia urges all ships flying under Georgian flag to notify all cases of alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities in accordance with the guidance as mentioned above. The form "Report of alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities" is attached to this letter.

All reports shell be submitted to the following address:

## Ships Registration and Flag control Department of MTA Georgia. <u>fsi@mta.gov.ge</u>

Notification should be made as soon as possible following the completion of the alleged inadequacies reporting form and should include a copy of the master's report, together with any supporting documentation.

Attachments:

- 1. IMO Resolution MEPC.1/Circ.834.
- 2. Form "Report of alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities"

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