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To: Shipowners /Agents, Operators, Classification societies,
Masters of Georgian flagged ships

Subject: Approval for Untreated Sewage Discharge Rates

Regulation 11.1.1 of the Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 requires that untreated sewage, which may be discharged at more than 12 nautical miles from the nearest land, should not be discharged instantaneously but at a moderate rate of discharge when the ship is en route and proceeding at a speed not less than 4 knots, while the rate should be approved by the Administration based upon standards developed by the IMO.

A moderate rate of discharge applies to the discharge of untreated sewage that has been stored in holding tanks or sewage originating from spaces containing living animals.

Resolution MEPC.157 (55) provides the standard and guidance for the approval and calculation of a moderate rate of discharge of untreated sewage.

Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia has not developed the equivalent national standards for the rate of discharges of untreated sewage from ships. Therefore, this Administration approves the standards set forth in Resolution MEPC.157 (55) for meeting compliance with Regulation 11.1.1 of MARPOL Annex IV.

If so requested by the Owner or operator of a ship registered under Georgian Flag, the Administration is authorizing its Recognized Organizations (ROs) involved in the survey and issuance of International Sewage Pollution Prevention (ISPP) certificates to approve the maximum permissible discharge rates applicable to a specific ship, provided the RO is fully satisfied that such discharge rates are established in accordance with the standard specified in Resolution MEPC.157(55).

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