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To: Shipowners, ship managers, operators, masters, crew members,  
recognized organizations, surveyors and the shipping community

**Subject: Amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)**

The following amendments came into force with effect from 1st March 2018:

- a) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (OIL) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2018
- b) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (GARBAGE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2018

The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted amendments to Annexes I, V and VI of MARPOL 73/78 at its seventieth session through Resolutions MEPC.276 (70), MEPC.277(70) and MEPC.278(70) respectively. The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations give effect to these resolutions.

- a) Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Oil) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

MEPC.276(70) amends Form B of the IOPP Certificate to remove obsolete provisions and to provide clarity in completing the document to demonstrate compliance to MARPOL Annex I provisions.

- b) Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Garbage) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

MEPC.277(70) introduces an appendix listing the classification criteria for determining if solid bulk cargoes are harmful to the marine environment (HME) and requires shippers to declare if the solid bulk cargoes are HME. The form of Garbage Record Book under MARPOL Annex V is also amended to include a new Part II for ships to record the disposal of such residues.

Sincerely,

Director

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ELECTRONICALLY 

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