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**REVISED CONSOLIDATED FORMAT FOR REPORTING ALLEGED INADEQUACY
OF PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES**

1 The ability of ships to comply with MARPOL discharge requirements depends largely upon the availability of adequate port reception facilities, especially within 'special areas'. The lack of reception facilities in many ports worldwide poses a serious threat of pollution to the marine environment.

2 According to MARPOL, the Government of each Party undertakes to ensure that reception facilities are adequate to meet the needs of the ships using them without causing undue delay to the ships.

3 In order to obtain an overview of the situation with regard to the inadequacy of reception facilities, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its twenty-sixth session (September 1988), approved the consolidated format for reporting alleged inadequacy of port reception facilities as set out in MEPC/Circ.215.

4 The MEPC, at its forty-second session (November 1998), revised the format in MEPC/Circ.215 to make it more user friendly and approved the revised format as set out at annex.

5 Flag States are requested to distribute the revised format to ships, and encourage Masters to use the format to report alleged inadequacy of port reception facilities to the Administration of the flag State and, preferably, to the Authorities of the port State. The flag State is required to notify IMO, in an appropriate format, for transmission to parties concerned, of any case where facilities are alleged to be inadequate.

6 This circular replaces MEPC/Circ.215.

ANNEX

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INADEQUACY OF PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES***

The Master of a ship having encountered difficulties in discharging waste to reception facilities should forward the information below, together with any supporting documentation, to the administration of the flag State and, preferably, to the competent Authorities in the port State. The flag State shall notify the port State of the occurrence.

1. SHIP'S PARTICULARS

Name of ship: _____

Owner or operator: _____

Distinctive number or letters: _____

IMO No: _____

Gross tonnage: _____

Port of registry: _____

Type of ship: ___ oil tanker, ___ chemical tanker, _____ ferry, _____ cruise ship, _____ cargo ship, ___ bulk carrier, ___ or other (specify) _____

2. PORT PARTICULARS

Country: _____

Name of Port or Area: _____

Location/Terminal Name: _____

(e.g. berth/terminal/jetty)

Name of company operating reception facility (if applicable): _____

___ Unloading port, ___ Loading port, ___ Shipyard

Date of arrival: _____

Date of occurrence: _____

Date of departure: _____

* This format was developed and approved by the forty-second session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee in November 1998.

3. TYPE AND AMOUNT* OF WASTE FOR DISCHARGE TO FACILITY

3.1 Oil (MARPOL Annex I)

Type of oily waste:

bilge water _____ m³

sludge from fuel oil purifier _____ m³

scale and slops from tanker cleaning _____ m³

dirty ballast water _____ m³

tank washings _____ m³

other (specify) _____ m³

were facilities available? Yes___No___

costs involved _____

3.2 Noxious Liquid Substances (NLS) (MARPOL Annex II)

Type of NLS residue/water mixture for discharge to facility from tank washings:

category A substance _____ m³

category B substance _____ m³

category C substance _____ m³

other (specify) _____ m³

substance is designated as ___ solidifying or ___ high viscosity

proper shipping name of the NLS involved: _____

were facilities available? Yes___No___

costs involved _____

3.3 Garbage (MARPOL Annex V)

Type of garbage:

1: Plastic _____ m³

2: Floating dunnage, lining, or packing materials _____ m³

3: Ground paper products, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery, etc. _____ m³

4: Paper products, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery, etc. _____ m³

5: Food waste _____ m³

6: Incinerator, ash _____ m³

other (specify) _____ m³

were facilities available? Yes___No___

costs involved _____

3.4 Other wastes

* Estimated amount

4. WAS ANY WASTE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE FACILITY?

5. INADEQUACY OF FACILITIES

5.1 Remarks on inadequacies

5.2 Location of facilities (close to the vessel, inconvenient location or vessel had to shift berth involving delay)

5.3 If you experienced a problem, with whom did you discuss this problem or report it to?

5.4 Did you give prior notification (in accordance with relevant port requirements) about the vessel's requirements for reception facilities?

Yes ___ No ___

5.5 Did you receive confirmation on the availability of reception facilities on arrival?

Yes ___ No ___

6. ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS/COMMENTS

7. Master's signature _____ Date _____
