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WASTE RECEPTION FACILITY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1 The full and effective implementation of the waste reception facility reporting requirements by Parties to MARPOL 73/78 is of paramount importance for the identification and implementation of the necessary actions to be taken towards improving the provision of adequate reception facilities in many ports worldwide.

2 The Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation, at its twelfth session, having noted the low level of implementation of the existing reporting requirements for port reception facilities, agreed, as a means of promoting their implementation, to prepare a list of these requirements for circulation by means of an MEPC circular.

3 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its fifty-third session (July 2005), having considered the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation at its thirteenth session, approved the list of waste reception facility reporting requirements for flag and port States, as set out at annex, in accordance with the provisions of MARPOL 73/78 and the Guidelines for ensuring the adequacy of port waste reception facilities, adopted by resolution MEPC.83(44).

4 Parties to the MARPOL 73/78 are requested to take all the necessary action in order to ensure their compliance with these reporting requirements.

ANNEX

Table 1: Waste reception facility reporting requirements for port States

Reporting requirements		Reference
Reporting on the availability of reception facilities	The port State is required to communicate to the Organization a list of reception facilities in its ports including their capacity, available facilities and other characteristics.	Article 11(1)(d) of MARPOL 73/78
	Regarding port facilities for the reception of oily wastes and noxious liquid substances, the port State is requested to submit to the Organization information on new reception facilities and updated information on the existing list of facilities by April each year in accordance with the established “one-line” format of the lists attached to MEPC.3 and MEPC.4 circular series.	MEPC.3 and MEPC.4 circular series
Reporting on alleged inadequacies of reception facilities	The port State should ensure the provision of proper arrangements to consider and respond appropriately and effectively to reports of inadequacies, informing IMO and the reporting flag State of the outcome of their investigation.	Resolution MEPC.83(44), Annex, paragraph 10.3; MEPC/Circ.469, paragraph 6
	The port State is requested to submit to IMO by 30 September each year an annual report, using the format contained in Part 3(b) of MEPC/Circ.318, of actions taken on alleged inadequacy of reception facilities referred to that State.	MEPC/Circ.318, Part 3(b)
Reporting on the assessment of the port reception facilities	The port State is encouraged to make use of the assessment form appended to the “Guidelines for ensuring the adequacy of port waste reception facilities”, to conduct regular assessments of waste reception facilities in its ports and advise IMO of the outcome of such assessments, including any inadequacies of port reception facilities, as well as any technical co-operation assistance that may be needed to address those inadequacies.	Resolution MEPC.83(44) on “Guidelines for ensuring the adequacy of port waste reception facilities”

Table 2: Waste reception facility reporting requirements for flag States

	Reporting requirements	Reference
Reporting on alleged inadequacies of reception facilities	The flag State is requested to distribute the revised consolidated format for reporting alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities, as set out in MEPC/Circ.469, to ships and urge Masters to use this format to report alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities to the Administration of the flag State and, if possible, to the Authorities of the port State.	MEPC/Circ.469, paragraph 5.1
	The flag State is required to notify IMO, for transmission to the Parties concerned, of any case where facilities are alleged to be inadequate. Notification shall be made as soon as possible following completion of the alleged inadequacies reporting form (MEPC/Circ.469) and should include a copy of the Master's report, together with any supporting documentation.	Reg. 12(5) of Annex I; Reg. 7(4) of Annex II; Reg. 12(2) of Annex IV; Reg. 7(2) of Annex V; and Reg. 17(2) of Annex VI; Resolution MEPC.83(44), Annex, paragraph 8.3; MEPC/Circ.469, paragraph 5.2 Resolution MEPC.84(44), Annex, paragraph 8.3.1; MEPC/Circ.469, paragraph 5
	The flag State shall notify the port State of the occurrence of the alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities. Notification shall be made as soon as possible following completion of the alleged inadequacies reporting form (MEPC/Circ.469) and should include a copy of the Master's report, together with any supporting documentation.	MEPC/Circ.469, paragraph 5.3; Resolution MEPC.83(44), Annex, paragraph 8.3 Resolution MEPC.83(44), Annex, paragraph 8.3.1; MEPC/Circ.469, paragraph 5
	The flag State is requested to submit to IMO by 30 September each year an annual report using the format contained in Part 3(a) of MEPC/Circ.318 of alleged inadequacies of reception facilities referred to the port State.	MEPC/Circ.318, Part 3(a)