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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, operators, masters, crew members, recognised organisations, surveyors and the shipping community

- (I) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (NOXIOUS LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN BULK) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**
- (II) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (SEWAGE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**
- (III) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (AIR) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

This circular informs the shipping community on the entering into force of the above mentioned amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations on **1 September 2017**.

2. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted amendments to Annexes II, IV and VI of MARPOL 73/78 at its sixty-ninth session through Resolutions [MEPC.270\(69\)](#), [MEPC.271\(69\)](#) and [MEPC.274\(69\)](#) respectively. The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations give effect to these resolutions.

Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

3. [MEPC.270\(69\)](#) provides consequential amendments to Appendix 1 of MARPOL Annex II on the guidelines for categorization of noxious liquid substances following revisions to the GESAMP hazard evaluation procedure.

Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Sewage) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

4. [MEPC.274\(69\)](#) establishes the effective dates of implementation of the Baltic Sea Special Area for sewage discharge of passenger ships under MARPOL Annex IV.

Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment) Regulations 2017

5. [MEPC.271\(69\)](#) will require applicable ships to record their marine diesel engines Nitrogen oxide (NOx) tier level and on/off status during entry into and exit from NOx emission control areas under MARPOL Annex VI.

6. Copies of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (Government Gazette No.**S494/2017**), Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Sewage) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (Government Gazette No.**S493/2017**) and Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (Government Gazette No.**S492/2017**) may be purchased at:

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7. The shipping community may also be able to access the legislations online at: [Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations](#) and [Merchant Shipping Regulations](#).

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