

	<b>CIRCULAR 2018-002</b>		
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)		
	<b>Amendment to MARPOL ANNEX V: New regulations for Garbage Management Documentation (Garbage Record Book)</b>	Ref.	MARPOL Conv. Annex V IMO Resolution(s) MEPC/Res.277(70) ISM Conv. / Code

**Addressees(s):**

- **Owners and Operators of ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda**
- **All ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda**

**1. Scope**

The purpose of this Circular is to provide all ADOMS Clients and Stakeholders with information on the interpretation, expectations and requirements of the Administration in respect of the new regulations on garbage record books and record keeping

**2. Legal Basis**

- IMO Res. MEPC. 277(70) – Amendments to MARPOL Annex V [HME substances and Form of Garbage Record Book]
- MARPOL ANNEX V, Reg. 4 – Discharge of garbage outside special areas
- MARPOL ANNEX V, Reg. 6 – Discharge of garbage within special areas
- MARPOL ANNEX V, Reg. 10 – Placards, garbage management plans and garbage record-keeping (incl. *new* Appendix I and II)
- ISM Code, Reg. 1.2.3 – Compliance Management (Safety Management System to ensure compliance with mandatory rules & regulations)

**3. Summary**

IMO Resolution MEPC.277(70) provides amendments to MARPOL Annex V concerning the layout of the Garbage Record Book and the corresponding record keeping. These amendments have come into force on the 1st March 2018.

*The Garbage Record Book is now sub-divided into two parts:*

**Part I** – All existing garbage categories and the new category "Electronic wastes"

Categories: A = Plastics, B = Food wastes, C = Domestic wastes, D = Cooking oil, E = Incinerator ashes, F = Operational wastes, G = Animal carcasses, H = Fishing gear  
I (*new*) = *Electronic wastes*

**Part II** – Cargo Residues, as defined in Regulation 1.2 of MARPOL Annex V [only applicable to vessels carrying solid bulk cargoes according SOLAS reg. VI/1-1.2]

Categories: J = *cargo residues (non-harmful to the marine environment)*  
K = *cargo residues (harmful to the marine environment)*  
[as classified by the shipper according *new* Appendix I of MARPOL Annex V]

**4. ADOMS policy**

ADOMS does not have a particular/proprietary format for garbage record books, applicable to its registered vessels. Owners/operators may supply their vessels with any available publications, suitable to the regulatory requirements, from any source(s) of their choice.

Based on above listed regulations and in respect of any Antigua and Barbuda registered vessel ADOMS expects the following practice from the respective operator(s):

- Vessels that do carry or intend to carry solid bulk cargoes [acc. SOLAS VI/1-1.2] and/or produce respective waste, are to be supplied with garbage record books of the new format (available from known sellers) and record keeping has to be applied in accordance with the new regulations.
- On vessels that do not carry solid bulk cargoes [acc. SOLAS VI/1-1.2] and/or produce respective waste, the existing garbage record books may still be used until finished, with separately recording the new introduced category (electronic wastes). These vessels should be supplied with the new format too, with the latter to be applied whenever a new book is commenced.

**Note:** All operators and crews are herewith reminded again, that non-compliance with mandatory record-keeping standards may result in serious penalties and other consequence(s) against the vessels, management, owners and/or for crew members responsible.