



Antigua and Barbuda
Maritime Administration

MARPOL Circular
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SUBJECT: Amendment to MARPOL ANNEX V: New regulations for Garbage Management Documentation (Garbage Record Book)

REFERENCE:

- a) [International Maritime Organization](#) *Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships*
- b) [IMO Resolution MEPC.295\(71\)](#) *Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V 2017*
- c) [IMO Resolution MEPC. 277\(70\)](#) *Amendments to MARPOL Annex V HME substances and Form of Garbage Record Book*
- d) *MARPOL ANNEX V, Reg. 4 – Discharge of garbage outside special areas*
- e) *MARPOL ANNEX V, Reg. 6 – Discharge of garbage within special areas*
- f) *MARPOL ANNEX V, Reg. 10 – Placards, garbage management plans and garbage record-keeping (incl. new Appendix I and II)*
- g) *ISM Code, Reg. 1.2.3 – Compliance Management (Safety Management System to ensure compliance with mandatory rules & regulations)*

TO: Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organizations

1. PURPOSE

This Circular provides information on the interpretation, expectations, and requirements of the Administration in respect of the new regulations on garbage record books and record keeping.

2. APPLICATION

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships

3. BACKGROUND

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 came into force on the 1 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 to new Appendix I of MARPOL Annex V)

The IMO has developed comprehensive Guidelines to assist in the implementation of, and compliance with, Annex V, the “2017 Guidelines on the Implementation of MARPOL Annex V.

4. OBLIGATIONS AND GUIDANCE/RESPONSIBILITIES

1. 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.
2. 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):
 1. 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 must be applied in accordance with the new regulations.
 2. 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, whilst separately recording the new introduced category (electronic wastes). These vessels should be supplied with the new format as well, with the latter to be applied whenever a new book is commenced.
3. The Garbage Management Plan does NOT have to be approved or certified. But there must be a Garbage Management Plan for the crew to follow in accordance with the guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V 2017. It shall provide written procedures for minimizing, collecting, storing, processing and disposing of garbage, including the use of equipment on board. It shall also designate the person or persons in charge of carrying out the plan. There shall also be a record book for recording each discharge into the sea, to a reception facility or a completed incineration.
4. 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 crew members responsible.

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