



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Marine Notice

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MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

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TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: MARPOL Harmful Substance Reporting Requirements

- References:**
- (a) **MARPOL**, *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships*, Consolidated Edition, 2022
 - (b) **IMO Resolution A.851(20)**, *General principles for ship reporting systems and ship reporting requirements, including guidelines for reporting incidents involving dangerous goods, harmful substances, and/or marine pollutants*, adopted on 27 November 1997, as amended by **IMO Resolution MEPC.138(53)**, adopted 22 July 2005
 - (c) **RMI Maritime Act (MI-107)**
 - (d) **RMI Maritime Regulations (MI-108)**

PURPOSE

This Notice provides the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator's (the "Administrator") requirements for reporting incidents involving harmful substances in accordance with MARPOL [Protocol 1](#) (the "Protocol"). This version supersedes Rev. 12/12.

APPLICABILITY

This Marine Notice applies to all RMI-flagged vessels.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1.0 RMI-flagged vessels must comply with the RMI Maritime Act ([MI-107](#)), §709 and the RMI Maritime Regulations ([MI-108](#)), §6.36 for reporting Marine Casualties and Marine Incidents, including those involving harmful substances. Ships' crews must be familiar with these requirements.
- 2.0 A report must be submitted when an incident detailed in the Protocol, Article II(1) occurs.

3.0 The [Protocol](#), Article III requires that the initial report, at a minimum, must contain the:

- 3.1 identity of the ships involved;
- 3.2 time, type, and location of incident;
- 3.3 quantity and type of harmful substance involved; and
- 3.4 assistance and salvage measures.

Refer to IMO Resolution [A.851\(20\)](#) for detailed guidance on reporting.

4.0 Reports must be made:

- 4.1 by the owner, charter, manager, operator, Master, agent or person in charge of a vessel;
- 4.2 immediately (within 24 hours) and to the fullest extent possible to the Administrator at: dutyofficer@register-iri.com. ([MI-108](#), §6.36); and
- 4.3 by the fastest telecommunications channels available with the highest possible priority to the nearest coastal State. ([Protocol](#), Article V(1)).