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To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: MARPOL WASTES IN EUROPEAN UNION PORTS: CALCULATION OF SUFFICIENT DEDICATED STORAGE CAPACITY

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European Union (EU) port State control and local authorities, such as the German Water Police, are strictly enforcing their requirements for waste disposal under the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL).

The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime Administrator has been made aware that ships are being prevented from leaving port until they are compliant with the requirements.

Specifically, EU Directive [2019/883](#) requires, with certain exceptions, the Master of any ship calling in an EU port to **deliver all waste** on board to a port reception facility (Article 7). A ship may proceed to the next port of call if it:

...shows that there is sufficient dedicated storage capacity for all waste that has been accumulated and will be accumulated during the intended voyage of the ship to the next port of call;

To provide the methodology for uniformly calculating dedicated storage capacity, the EU issued Regulation [2022/89](#).

- Annex I contains the arithmetic calculation based on the estimated amounts of waste retained on board in relation to the maximum dedicated storage capacity. This calculation does not apply to waste disposal under MARPOL Annex II or passively fished wastes.
- Annex II provides the waste generation rates for MARPOL Annexes I, IV, V, and VI.

These EU Regulations apply to ports of call between EU ports as well as those between EU ports and non-EU-ports. A “Group of Additional Selected Ports”¹ is also regulated (refer to EU Regulation 2022/89, Annex I, Table 1, *Thresholds*).

Masters of RMI-flagged vessels are advised to pay attention to these requirements.

¹ The “Group of Additional Selected Ports” are all ports located in: Iceland, Norway, United Kingdom (including Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and Gibraltar), and Russian ports located in the Baltic Sea.

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