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

Subject: SEWAGE TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER VESSELS

Date: 16 January 2019

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 73/78 (MARPOL), Annex IV, Regulation 11.3, which governs the discharge of sewage from a passenger ship within the Baltic Sea, is due to take effect as provided in the table below. This will result in a prohibition on sewage discharges in this Special Area, unless it has in operation a holding tank or sewage treatment system.

Vessel Type	Effective Date
New Passenger Ships	01 June 2019
Existing Passenger Ships	01 June 2021
Existing Passenger Ships*	01 June 2023

* for existing passenger ships en route directly to or from a port located outside the special area and to or from a port located east of longitude 28°10' E within the special area that do not make any other port calls within the special area

Refer to International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution [MEPC.275 \(69\)](#), *Establishment of the Date on which Regulation 11.3 of MARPOL Annex IV in Respect to the Baltic Sea Special Area Shall Take Effect*.

For information on the latest performance standards for sewage treatment systems refer to IMO Resolution [MEPC.227 \(64\)](#). The type approval certificate was also revised and information on this can be found in IMO Resolution [MEPC.284 \(70\)](#).

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.