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Approval for Sewage Discharge Rates

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with Regulation 11.1.1 of MARPOL Annex IV, the discharge of untreated sewage from a holding tank shall be undertaken at a moderate rate. Such discharge rates shall be approved by the Administration, based on standards developed by the IMO.
- 1.2 On 13 October 2006, the IMO adopted the "Recommendation on Standards for the Rate of Discharge of Untreated Sewage from Ships" which are set forth in Resolution MEPC.157(55). Subsequently, Regulation 11.1.1 of MARPOL Annex IV has been amended to incorporate a footnote to bring reference to these standards, and include sewage originating from spaces containing living animals. The amended text of Regulation 11.1.1 is provided in Resolution MEPC.164(56), and is set to enter into force on 1 December 2008.

2.0 Approval

- 2.1 The Marshall Islands has not developed equivalent national standards for the rate of discharges of untreated sewage from ships. Therefore, this Administration approves the standards set forth in Resolution MEPC.157(55) for meeting compliance with Regulation 11.1.1 of MARPOL Annex IV.
- 2.2 If so requested by the Owner or operator of a ship registered in the Marshall Islands, the Administration is authorizing its Recognized Organizations (ROs) involved in the survey and issuance of International Sewage Pollution Prevention (ISPP) certificates to approve the maximum permissible discharge rates applicable to a specific ship, provided the RO is fully satisfied that such discharge rates are established in accordance with the standard specified in Resolution MEPC.157(55).
