



BERMUDA MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

Discharge of Sewage - Clarification

2022-034

Application

Ship Owners, Managers, Masters and Officers of Bermuda Registered ships

References

MARPOL Annex IV

Summary

To provide clarification in relation to MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11 – Discharge of Sewage – Regulation 11.1.

This Notice was issued on 11 January 2022.

1. Introduction

- (1) The BSMA, as part of the Red Ensign Group (REG), have communicated to their Recognized Organizations (ROs) the clarification of MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11.1.1 where the REG Administrations have confirmed that their ROs are to approve the maximum permissible rate of discharge of discharge of untreated sewage. Confirming it should be vessel specific and achievable, taking fully into account the capacity (fixed/variable) of the pump provided for different combinations of the draft and speed.
- (2) The REG confirms in this case it shall be retrospective with reviews for discharge rates taking into account the REG requirement undertaken at the first available opportunity. This would be in line with MARPOL Annex IV Reg 4.6.
- (3) The technical review to be completed by the RO and to be undertaken within 6 months (by 30th June 2022) to establish the vessels are compliant and where non-compliance has been identified the maximum permissible rate of discharge of untreated sewage to be rectified as soon as practicable by the next Annual Machinery Survey but within 18 months of this direction; discharge of untreated sewage is not permitted if either the RO has confirmed that

maximum discharge rates for the prescribed speed(s) will be exceeded or if the RO has not completed review of discharge rates.

- (4) It was agreed for a Statutory Memo to be raised within the ROs system where non-compliant rates have been identified and that rectification of equipment to be completed by the next Annual Machinery Survey or within 18 months.

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