



## **Marine Notice No. 05 of 2011**

NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, FISHING VESSEL OWNERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, PASSENGER SHIP MASTERS, SKIPPERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN, SEAFARERS, SHIP CHANDLERS, MARINE ELECTRONIC SUPPLIERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND MAINTAINERS.

### **European Communities (Ship-Source Pollution) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 542 of 2010)**

The above Regulations, which came into effect on 16 November 2010, give effect to Directive 2005/35/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, as amended by Directive 2009/123/EC, on ship-source pollution and on the introduction of penalties, including criminal penalties, for illegal discharges of polluting substances into the marine environment.

The Regulations amend the Sea Pollution Acts 1991 to 1996 to provide for criminal sanctions as required. Any person who intentionally, recklessly or with serious negligence commits an offence, or who aids, abets, or incites another person to commit an offence, is liable to be held responsible under the Regulations. The Regulations also apply to bodies corporate.

The polluting substances of the Regulations are those covered by Annex I (oil) and Annex II (noxious liquid substances carried in bulk) of the MARPOL Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships.

The Regulations apply to Irish ships everywhere and to other ships when they are in the inland waters, territorial seas and exclusive economic zone of the State.

The MARPOL Convention is effective in national law through the Sea Pollution Act 1991 as amended.

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