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## **Marine Notice No. 42 of 2009**

*NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, FISHING VESSEL OWNERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, PASSENGER SHIP MASTERS, SKIPPERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN AND SEAFARERS*

**Entry into force of the European Communities (Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Waste and Cargo Residues) (Amendment) Regulations 2009**

The European Communities (Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Waste and Cargo Residues) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 ([S.I. No. 376 of 2009](#)) came into force on 17 September 2009 and make it a requirement that ships must report to ports of destination relevant information concerning sewage on board ship. The Regulations provide a Form for such notification. The information must be notified by the master of a ship at least 24 hours prior to arrival. If the port of call is known less than 24 hours prior to arrival, it should be notified immediately. If the duration of the voyage is less than 24 hours the port should be notified upon commencement of the voyage.

The purpose of these Regulations is to reduce the discharge of sewage into the sea, especially illegal discharges, from ships using ports in the Community, by improving the availability and use of port reception facilities, thereby enhancing the protection of the marine environment.

The Regulations do not apply to recreational craft authorised to carry 12 or fewer passengers or to fishing vessels.

The Regulations amend the existing Form providing for supply of information on ship-generated waste and cargo residues to port of destination by the addition of sewage as a waste requiring notification.

Notification must be made via SafeSeasIreland (SSI), which is an electronic notification system to satisfy the current Directive 2002/59/EC requirements.

[Marine Notice No. 64 of 2008](#) provides information on use of SSI.

A copy of the Regulations may be obtained from the Department's website or from the Government Publications Sales Office, Sun Alliance House, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2, tel.: (01) 6476834/35/36/37. Also available on the web: [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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