



## **Marine Notice No. 36 of 2009**

*NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, FISHING VESSEL OWNERS, PASSENGER BOAT OWNERS, HARBOUR MASTERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, SKIPPERS, SEAFARERS, AND FISHERMEN.*

Entry into force of the Sea Pollution (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships) Regulations 2006 for existing vessels on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010.

The Sea Pollution (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships) Regulations 2006 ([S.I. No. 269 of 2006](#)) impose restrictions on the discharge of sewage into **the territorial seas and inland waters of the State**. The Regulations also require vessels to be provided with either sewage treatment equipment or suitable holding tanks for the retention of sewage onboard for subsequent disposal, in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

**The Regulations take effect in respect of existing vessels of 400GT and over operating domestically and for all other vessels that are certified to carry more than 15 persons, from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010. The Regulations do not apply to existing vessels whose keels were laid or at a similar stage of construction before 2 October 1983, except to the extent that such vessels shall, as far as practicable, comply with the sewage discharge restrictions contained in the Regulations.**

Vessels are required to be surveyed by a surveyor from either the Marine Survey Office (MSO) or a Recognised Organisation, and when in compliance with the Regulations a certificate known as an International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate will be issued, with a maximum period of validity of 5 years.

Whereas the Regulations only take effect on a mandatory basis from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010, owners and operators of affected vessels are recommended to apply for survey to the MSO at the earliest convenient date, as the Regulations contain a transitional provision, which allows the required certification to be issued at an earlier date, on the request of the owner. For passenger ships, it is anticipated that the required survey may be carried out at the time of the annual survey for the issue of the vessel's Passenger Certificate.

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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