



Marine Notice No. 44 of 2008

COMPLIANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX IV (SEWAGE POLLUTION PREVENTION) BY EXISTING SHIPS ON INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES FROM 27TH SEPTEMBER 2008

For the attention of all Owners, Operators, Masters, Skippers and Ship Agents of Internationally Trading Merchant Vessels and Fishing Vessels

MARPOL Annex IV entered into force on 27th September 2003. The Annex is applicable to vessels engaged on international voyages, which are: -

- 400 Gross Tons and over;
and / or
- carrying more than 15 persons.

For existing Irish ships (those constructed before 1 August 2005), engaged on international voyages, the Annex IV regulations require an International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate to be issued no later than five years after the entry into force date, i.e. by 27th September 2008.

Owners or operators of vessels, which have not yet been issued with an International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate, should contact the Marine Survey Office or their applicable Recognised Organisation immediately.

Vessels calling at foreign ports after the 27th September 2008 which are not in possession of the required certificate may be subject to delay if they undergo a port state control inspection.

A survey will be required before an International Sewage Pollution Prevention Certificate can be issued. The survey will verify compliance with the equipment and operational requirements of MARPOL Annex IV.

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