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الى: ملاك ومشغلي السفن والمنظمات المعترف بها والوكلاء الملاحيين.

الموضوع: التعديلات على الاتفاقيات البحرية الدولية التي ستدخل حيز التنفيذ في سنة 2025 م.

**TO: Shipowners, Operators, Ship Agencies And Ros.:**

**Subject: Amendments That Will Come Into Force In 2025.**

1- MARPOL MEPC .380. (80)

This circular informs the shipping community on the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI.

Mediterranean Sea emission control area for Sulphur oxides and particular matter - designation of Mediterranean Sea, as a whole, as an emission control area for Sulphur oxides and particular matter, under MARPOL Annex VI. in such an emission control area, the limit for Sulphur in fuel oil used on board ships is 0.10% mass by mass (m/m), while outside these areas the limit is 0.50% m/m. will enter in force on 1 may 2025.

2- Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) (Amendment No. Regulations 2024.

A - The Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the IMO had also adopted amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) through Resolution MEPC.369(80), which will enter into force on 01 February 2025.







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**B - Resolution MEPC.369(80)** adopted amendments to Appendix II of the BWM Convention which provided greater clarity and requirements on information to be recorded by ships performing ballast water operations. The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations 2017 give effect to the Resolution MEPC.369(80).

C- The mandatory resolutions adopted by **MEPC 81** include the following:

**1. Resolution MEPC.383(81)** – Amendments to Regulations A-1 and B-2 of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments (IBWMC), 2004

This resolution adopts amendments to Regulations A-1 and B-2 of the

**IBWMC** concerning the use of electronic record books. The amendments will enter into force on **01 October 2025** and will be given effect through amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations.

**2- Resolution MEPC.385(81)** – Amendments to **MARPOL Annex VI**. low flashpoint fuels and other fuel oil related issues, marine diesel engine replacing steam system, accessibility of data and inclusion of data on transport work and enhanced granularity in the IMO ship fuel consumption database (IMO DCS)).

This resolution adopts amendments to **MARPOL Annex VI** concerning the definition of fuel oil and gas fuel, NOx requirements related to replacing a steam system with a marine diesel engine, clarification on sampling point(s) and bunker delivery notes for low-flashpoint fuels and gas fuels, and expansion of data required relevant to the **IMO DCS**. The amendments will enter into force on **01 August 2025** and will be given effect through amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) Regulations.

**3- RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 107 TH SESSION OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (MSC) OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION.**

. This circular informs the shipping community of the resolutions adopted by the **MSC** for the shipping community to prepare for the implementation of these resolutions.

**A. RESOLUTION MSC.539(107) – AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE.** The resolution adopts amendment to the International Maritime Solid Bulk







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Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code), as part of its 2-yearly regular amendment to update the IMSBC Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2025.

### **B. RESOLUTION MSC.540(107) – AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978.**

The resolution adopts amendment to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention) to allow the use of electronic certificates of seafarers, taking into account the need to provide a timely response to the global digitalization trend, as well as a solution for the management and control of seafarers' certificates. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2025.

### **C. RESOLUTION MSC.541(107) – AMENDMENTS TO PART A OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE.**

The resolution adopts amendment to the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watch keeping Code (STCW Code) to allow the use of electronic certificates of seafarers. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2025.

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