

Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice

Garbage Record Book – Changes to Format

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Garbage Record Books ('GRBs') are required under MARPOL Annex V, Regulation 10 for ships of 400gt or above, or carrying more than 15 persons. Ship owners and operators are asked to note the following recent and forthcoming changes to the GRB. Current GRBs will require replacement by **1st March 2018**.

We understand new (2018) format GRBs will be available for purchase from [the TSO](#) shortly.

Polar Code Amendments

The Polar Code, which entered into force on 1 January 2017, requires a minor amendment to the form of the GRB, which may be done by hand. The change should be made to paragraph 4.1.3 and inserting the text shown below in red. Paragraph 4.1.3 should read:

'4.1.3 When garbage is discharged into the sea in accordance with regulation 4, 5 or 6 of MARPOL Annex V **or chapter 5 of part II-A of the Polar Code**'. It is recommended that a copy of this notice is retained with the amended GRB as evidence that this course of action is accepted by this Administration.

Amendments for HME Substances

A more significant change is required by MEPC.277(70) which requires GRBs to be separated into a Part I and Part II. This is mandatory from 1st March 2018 and will require ships to open a new GRB to meet these requirements.

Part I is similar in form to the existing GRB, with some minor changes to format and a new category of waste added, category I - e-waste. E-waste is defined as any electronic equipment, including its components, sub-assemblies and consumables, when disposed of as a waste.

The new Part II includes contains only information relating to cargo residues. Operators are required to classify cargoes as to whether they harmful to the marine environment (HME) according to the UN Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). New Garbage categories are 'J' for non-HME cargo residues and 'K' for HME cargo residues.

Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

