

Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice



Maximum Permissible Rate of Discharge of Untreated Sewage	Ref. 007-21 Issued 20 Dec 21
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Introduction

The following TAN has been issued to provide clarification in relation to MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11 – Discharge of Sewage (Regulation 11.1).

Clarification

The Red Ensign Group (REG) have communicated to their Recognised Organisations (ROs) the clarification of MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11.1.1, where the REG Administrations have confirmed that their ROs are to approve the maximum permissible rate of discharge of untreated sewage. Confirming it should be vessel specific and achievable, taking fully into account the capacity (fixed/variable) of the pump provided for different combinations of the draft and speed.

The REG confirms in this case it shall be retrospective with reviews for discharge rates taking into account the REG requirement undertaken at the first available opportunity. This would be in line with MARPOL Annex IV Regulation 4.6.

The technical review to be completed by the RO and to be undertaken within 6 months (by 30th June 2022) to establish the vessels are compliant and where non-compliance has been identified the maximum permissible rate of discharge of untreated sewage to be rectified as soon as practicable by the next Annual Machinery Survey but within 18 months of this direction; discharge of untreated sewage is not permitted if either the RO has confirmed that maximum discharge rates for the prescribed speed(s) will be exceeded or if the RO has not completed review of discharge rates.

It was agreed for a Statutory Memo to be raised within the ROs system where non-compliant rates have been identified and that rectification of equipment to be completed by the next Annual Machinery Survey or within 18 months.

Further Information

In the event of any queries, please contact marine.survey@gov.im.

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.

