



## TECHNICAL ALERT No. 17-02

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### Garbage Record Books

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Garbage Record Books are required to be in the format specified in the Appendix to Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as amended (MARPOL).
- 1.2. The current version of the Garbage Record Book provided by the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) is Revision 1 of August 2012.
- 1.3. This Technical Alert is intended to draw the attention of interested parties to amendments to the MARPOL Garbage Record Book agreed by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

#### 2. Amendments to Garbage Record Book – Polar Code

- 2.1. Annex V of MARPOL was amended by IMO Resolution MEPC.265(68) to include references to the Polar Code, which entered into force on 01 January 2017.
- 2.2. Consequently, changes to the text in the chapeau of section 4.1.3 of the current Garbage Record Book (Rev.1 August 2012) are necessary, to include reference to Chapter 5 of Part II-A of the Polar Code, as follows:

*"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](#)..."*
- 2.3. The Master or other responsible representative of the Company<sup>1</sup> may make hand written amendments to section 4.1.3 on page 2 of Rev.1 of the Garbage Record Book for the purposes of bringing the book into

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<sup>1</sup> The "Company" is the entity responsible for the management of the ship in accordance with the ISM Code. For ships to which the ISM Code is not applicable, the Company is the Managing Owner in accordance with Section 52 of the Bahamas Merchant Shipping Act.

compliance with the revised IMO model specified in MEPC.265(68), using the blue text in paragraph 2.2 above. The entry should be initialled by the person making the change.

- 2.4. This Technical Alert or the statement attached at Annex 1 should be attached to any amended Garbage Record Book as evidence of Flag State approval of this procedure.

### **3. Further Amendments to Garbage Record Book**

- 3.1. Further amendments to the form of the Garbage Record Book were approved at the 70<sup>th</sup> session of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee in October 2016 by IMO Resolution MEPC.277(70) and will enter into force on 01 March 2018.
- 3.2. The BMA will be publishing new Garbage Record Books prior to 01 March 2018, which will include the amendments made by MEPC.265(68) and MEPC.277(70).
- 3.3. In the meantime, the BMA accepts that Bahamian ships may continue to use Revision 1 of the Garbage Record Book, provided that it has been amended to include reference to the Polar Code, as indicated in paragraph 2 above.

### **4. Validity**

- 4.1. This alert is valid until further notice.

### **5. Revision History**

Rev.0 (13 February 2017) – First issue



**Bahamas Maritime Authority**  
**MARPOL73/78 Annex V Garbage Record Book, Rev.1 August 2012**

To whom it may concern:

Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 has been revised by IMO Resolution MEPC.265(68) which entered into force on 01 January 2017.

Consequently, changes to the text in the chapeau of section 4.1.3 of the current Garbage Record Book (Rev.1 August 2012) are necessary, to include reference to Chapter 5 of Part II-A of the Polar Code, as follows (new text in blue):

*“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...”*

Further amendments to the form of the Garbage Record Book were approved at the 70<sup>th</sup> session of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee in October 2016 and will enter into force on 01 March 2018. The BMA will be publishing new Garbage Record Books, which will include all amendments.

Until the new Garbage Record Books are available, the Bahamas Maritime Authority accepts that ships may continue to use Rev.1 of the Garbage Record Book, provided it has been appropriately amended.

The Master or other responsible representative of the Company, may make hand written amendments to section 4.1.3 on page 2 of Rev.1 of the Garbage Record Book for the purposes of bringing the book into compliance with the revised IMO model specified in MEPC.265(68). Any amendment shall be initialled by the person making the change.

A copy of this letter should be affixed to any amended Garbage Record Book as evidence of Flag State approval of this procedure.

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