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Notice to: Ship Owners / Managers/ Operators / Surveyors

This Circular issued to inform Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Surveyors that, in accordance with IMO Resolutions MEPC.381(80) and MEPC.382(80), new restrictions will be enforced starting January 1, 2025, regarding the discharge of garbage, oil, and oily mixtures in the Special Areas of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

Effective January 1, 2025, the following regulations will apply:

**MEPC.381(80) – Regulations 15.3, 15.5, and 34.3 to 34.5 of MARPOL Annex I:**

For all ships: From January 1, 2025, the discharge of oil or oily mixtures into the sea from vessels of 400 gross tonnage and above will be prohibited in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Special Areas, except under the following conditions:

1. The ship is proceeding en-route.
2. The oily mixture is processed through oil filtering equipment meeting the requirements of regulation 14.7 of Annex I.
3. The oil content of the effluent without dilution does not exceed 15 parts per million.
4. The oily mixture does not originate from cargo pump room bilges on oil tankers.
5. The oily mixture, in the case of oil tankers, is not mixed with oil cargo residues.

For oil tankers: The discharge of oil or oily mixtures from the cargo area is already prohibited in Special Areas, even when the vessel is en-route with the effluent processed through the Oil Discharge Monitoring Equipment (ODME). As of January 1, 2025, the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden will be classified as Special Areas.

**MEPC.382(80) – Regulation 6 of MARPOL Annex V:**

From January 1, 2025, the discharge of garbage into the sea within the Red Sea Special Area will only be allowed while the ship is en-route, in accordance with Regulation 6 (Discharge of garbage within special areas) of MARPOL Annex V.

**Action Required:** Ship Owners, Managers, Operators, and Surveyors must ensure that their vessels are informed of these regulations and their effective dates and ensure full compliance.

This circular is issued with the approval of Director General Ports & Shipping.



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