

INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 277

**MARPOL 73/78 Annex V Garbage Record Book,  
Rev.1 August 2012**

**Guidance and instructions for Barbados Recognised Organisations, Barbados  
Approved Nautical Inspectors, Ship Owners, Managers and Masters**

**1. General:**

Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 has been revised by IMO Resolution MEPC. 265 (68) which entered into force on 1 January 2017.

As a result of the revision, changes to the heading of section 4.1.3 of the current Garbage Record Book have become necessary, to include reference to Chapter 5 of Part II-A of the Polar Code as follows (the new text is shown in red):

“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 1 March 2018. Barbados Maritime will be publishing new Garbage Record Books, which will include all amendments.

Until the new Garbage Record Books are available, Barbados Maritime accepts that ships may continue to use the current Garbage Record Book, provided it has been amended appropriately.

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

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

**2. Amendments to Garbage Record Book - new format**

2.1 MEPC.277 (70) splits the Garbage Record Book into two parts: Garbage Record Book Part I to record discharge of garbage from ships and Garbage Record Book Part II to record discharge of cargo residues from ships carrying solid bulk cargoes.

2.2 Garbage Record Book Part I is to be used by all ships to which MARPOL Annex V applies from 1 March 2018.

2.3 In addition to paragraph 2.2, Garbage Record Book Part II is to be used by all ships that may carry solid bulk cargoes from 1 March 2018.

2.4 Garbage Record Book Parts I & II will become available from Barbados Maritime from September 2017 and may be ordered then.

2.5 Companies operating ships registered in Barbados are encouraged to order new format Garbage Record Books in good time to ensure that the correct format is on board by 1 March 2018.

2.6 Barbados Maritime has no objection to the voluntary use of the new format Garbage Record Books prior to 1 March 2018.

2.7 Barbados Maritime has no objection to the use of Garbage Record Books issued by other suppliers and Administrations, provided that they are in the format specified in MARPOL Annex V, Appendix I, as amended by MEPC.277 (70). However, we are aware that Port State Control officers sometimes raise deficiencies where MARPOL Record Books are used which are not issued by the ship's flag State.

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