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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

Re: MARPOL ANNEX V and Cargo Residue Discharge

A. This Fleet letter applies to all vessels under the Vanuatu Flag

B. Requirements

Under RESOLUTION MEPC.219(63) Regulation 3 of MARPOL Annex V provides that the discharge of garbage into the sea is prohibited, with limited exceptions, as summarized in table 1. Under certain conditions discharge into the sea of food wastes, animal carcasses, cleaning agents and additives contained in hold washwater, deck and external surface washwater and cargo residues which are not considered to be harmful to the marine environment is permitted.

"Cargo residues means only those cargo residues that cannot be recovered using commonly available methods for unloading."

It is the policy of this Administration to be Environmentally Responsible and support the efforts to keep the oceans clean. The instructions laid out in MARPOL Annex V and RESOLUTION MEPC 219(63) are to be followed by all vessels flying the Vanuatu Flag. Careful planning must be made for the discharge of garbage ashore, this includes items that may have been cargo residue in the past that could be discharged into the sea, for example wood bark. Only that residue that cannot be recovered by commonly available methods, which will vary from port to port. It is the responsibility of the Vessel Owner and Master to ensure that these instructions are carried out.



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