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SUBJECT: MARPOL ANNEX V REVISIONS TO ENTER INTO FORCE ON MARCH 1, 2018

Under IMO Resolution MEPC.277(70), amendments to MARPOL Annex V, Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships, will enter into force on March 1, 2018.

The amendments include criteria for determining whether cargo residues are harmful to the marine environment, and a new Garbage Record Book format with a new garbage category for e-waste.

Solid bulk cargo, as defined in regulation VI/1-1.2 of SOLAS, other than grain, will now be classified per the criteria in the new Appendix I of MARPOL Annex V, and the shipper will be required to declare as to whether or not the cargo is harmful to the environment (HME).

Additionally, a new form of the Garbage Record Book (GRB) is required. The new GRB will be divided into two parts, Part I for all garbage other than cargo residues, applicable to all ships, and Part II for cargo residues only applicable to ships carrying solid bulk cargo. The GRB garbage categories have also been amended to include e-waste, and the category for cargo residues has been split into HME (harmful to the marine environment) and non-HME.

The current 2012 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V have been revoked by the new 2017 Guidelines, aligning it with the MARPOL amendments and relevant requirements of the Polar Code. We recommend a copy of the new Guidelines be order for all your vessels, if not done so already.

For a copy of the Resolution and any questions you may have, please contact us at: csi@compliancesystemsinc.com.

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