



Gibraltar Maritime Administration

HM Government of Gibraltar

Watergate House
2/8 Casemates Square
Gibraltar

Tel (+350)200 46862 / 200 47771 /200 50424
Fax (+350) 200 47770
e-mail: maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi
maritime.registry@gibraltar.gov.gi

Shipping Guidance Notice – 104 MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11 – Discharge of Sewage – Regulation 11.1.

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master's, Classification Societies and Recognised Organisations

References:

- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Regulations 2009 (as amended)
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Survey, Certification and Safety) Regulations 2004 (as amended)
- Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Organisations For Inspection, Survey And Certification of Ships) Regulations 2011 (as amended)
- MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11 – Discharge of Sewage – Regulation 11.1.

Summary

To provide clarification in relation to MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11 – Discharge of Sewage – Regulation 11.1.

1. Clarification

- 1.1 The Red Ensign Group (REG) have communicated to their Recognised Organisations (ROs) the clarification of MARPOL ANNEX IV Regulation 11.1.1 where the REG Administrations have confirmed that their ROs are to approve the maximum permissible rate of discharge of discharge of untreated sewage. Confirming it should be vessel specific and achievable, taking fully into account the capacity (fixed/variable) of the pump provided for different combinations of the draft and speed.
- 1.2 The REG confirms in this case it shall be retrospective with reviews for discharge rates taking into account the REG requirement undertaken at the first available opportunity. This would be in line with MARPOL Annex IV Reg 4.6.

- 1.3 The technical review to be completed by the RO and to be undertaken within 6 months (by 30th June 2022) to establish the vessels are compliant and where non-compliance has been identified the maximum permissible rate of discharge of untreated sewage to be rectified as soon as practicable by the next Annual Machinery Survey but within 18 months of this direction; discharge of untreated sewage is not permitted if either the RO has confirmed that maximum discharge rates for the prescribed speed(s) will be exceeded or if the RO has not completed review of discharge rates.
- 1.4 It was agreed for a Statutory Memo to be raised within the ROs system where non-compliant rates have been identified and that rectification of equipment to be completed by the next Annual Machinery Survey or within 18 months.

More Information

For additional information kindly email; maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi

Steve Gomez – Chief Surveyor (Ag)
For & on behalf of the Maritime Administrator

Issue date: **04 January 2022**

All notices are available through www.gibraltarship.com

This copy of the Administrative Instruction has been sent electronically and does not carry a signature or official stamp. A sign and stamped copy will be available upon enquiry