

PORT CIRCULAR NO. 10 OF 2017

To: All Port Operators
From: Manuel Tirado, CEO and Captain of the Port (Acting)
CC: Richard Montado, GMA; Dylan Cocklan, GMA
Date: 8 December 2017
Re: MARPOL

Dear All,

Please note that the decision has been taken to proceed with implementation of the new Marpol Scheme outlined in Port Circular 9 of 2017.. The fee structure which is attached, as well as provision of service for Marpol Annex I, will commence on the 1 January 2018.

The provision of service with regards to Marpol Annex V will start as from the 1 February.

In the interim period (Between the 1 January and the 1 February), those vessels calling at Gibraltar and seeking to discharge Annex V waste will be granted a 10% discount on the Marpol fee.

Additionally, and in continuation of our previous circular referring to the implementation of the New Marpol Scheme, please be guided below:

EXCEPTIONS:

The following vessels will be able to apply for an exception from the Marpol Tariff:

1. Cruise Liners (calling at Gibraltar as part of a published itinerary)
2. Ferries (calling at Gibraltar as part of a published itinerary)

Harbour Craft Licence Holders will be charged a specific annual rate, which will entitle each vessel to a set number of discharges on a yearly basis. Further details will be provided in the coming days to the operators of local HCL vessels.

Yachts and Superyachts calling at Gibraltar Port will be excluded from this scheme, and will not be charged the Marpol Fee corresponding to their GRT. These vessels will not have a free entitlement to discharge waste under the new scheme.

STRUCTURE OF SERVICE:

Vessels calling at Gibraltar are required to submit pre-arrival declarations and forms at least 24 hours prior to arrival. This includes the current Marpol Pre-arrival Declaration form.

The declaration form will be reviewed by our contracted agents (Messrs Greenport) prior to vessel being cleared for entry into BGTW. Any incomplete declarations or non-compliant declarations will be rejected, and when deemed appropriate

an administrative fee (£200) may be charged to the agent / vessel. The waste discharge will be determined by the information provided in the Marpol Declaration. On the basis of this information our contractors will make the required arrangements for the vessel to be able to discharge the waste indicated in this form.

In cases where the vessel is seeking (or requires) to discharge waste beyond its 'free entitlement', our contractor will advise the vessel's agent in advance of the additional fees to be incurred for this service.

In cases where a vessel / agent does not submit the Marpol Declaration into VMS 24 hours prior to the vessel's arrival, the vessel will only be provided the discharge services on a 'best endeavours' basis, depending on operational commitments at the time of vessel's arrival to Gibraltar.

Any vessel observed to have on board significantly different amounts of waste from the information provided in their pre-arrival declaration is liable to administrative fees, as well as further enforcement action from GPA. Any such actions will immediately be notified to the vessel's agents for their information.



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CEO AND CAPTAIN OF THE PORT (ACTING)

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