

Merchant Shipping Directorate



## MARPOL ANNEX IV REGULATION 10.1 STANDARD DISCHARGE CONNECTIONS

## **Technical Notice MARPOL.1**

Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations

Regulation 10.1 of MARPOL Annex IV requires that a standard discharge connection be fitted to the ship's discharge pipeline to facilitate connection to reception facilities.

With reference to the Unified Interpretation of MARPOL Annex IV Regulation 10.1 adopted by IMO's MEPC Committee at its 55<sup>th</sup> Session (Ref. MEPC 55/23 Annex 17), all Maltese ships certified as compliant with the requirements of MARPOL Annex IV shall, irrespective of the sewage treatment/holding system installed, be provided with a dedicated discharge pipeline and a standard discharge connection complying with the requirements of Regulation 10.

This Technical Notice is to be complied with at the first scheduled Annex IV survey.

## Unified Interpretation to Regulation 10.1 of MARPOL Annex IV

All ships subject to Annex IV, irrespective of their size and of the presence of a sewage treatment plant or sewage holding tank, shall be provided with a pipeline and the relevant shore connection flange for discharging sewage to port sewage treatment facility.

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