

Subject:

Regulations for the Prevention
of Pollution by Sewage from ships
ANNEX IV to MARPOL 73/78

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To whom it may concern

Dear Sirs,

As you may know, the Annex IV to MARPOL 73/78 has not yet entered into force. The Annex has already been ratified by 66 States, as of the end of 1997, with the combined merchants fleet constituting 40 % of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping. As the condition of entry into force is for not less than 50 % of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, it will enter into force in the near future.

It has been reported that various Port Authorities have requested that ships that enter their ports must comply with the above Annex.

This Society will issue Certificates of Compliance with the provisions of Annex IV to MARPOL 73/78 voluntarily, at your request.

Such certificates can be issued irrespective of the flag state, but the Society will only be able to replace with statutory certificates on behalf of the government, when Annex IV comes into force, those have been issued by the following flag vessels:

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Brunei, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Cyprus, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Liberia, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Pakistan, Seychelles, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Switzerland and Turkey.

Greece has already implemented the Annex under the national legislation and requested that Greek flag vessels comply with the legislation. India has not yet ratified the Annex but has requested that Indian flag vessels have the Certificate of Compliance.

Please contact our Marine and Industrial Service Department of the Head Office (Phone +81-3-5226-2041 / Facsimile +81-3-5226-2039) for further information and application for the Certificate of Compliance.

With best regards,

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