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Shipping Guidance Notice 107 Guidance on MEPC.1Circ.834 – Port reception facility providers and users

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

References:

- MEPC.1Circ.834
- Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS)

1. Introduction

In view of the need to tackle the long-standing problem of the inadequacy of port reception facilities, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (the Committee), having received valuable input from the Industry Port Reception Facilities Forum, adopted, at its fifty-fifth session (October 2006), the Action Plan on Tackling the Inadequacy of Port Reception Facilities and instructed the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation (FSI) to progress the Plan's work items.

The Guide to good practice for port reception facility providers and users was developed as one of the work items of the Action Plan as a practical users' guide for ships' crew who seek to deliver MARPOL wastes/residues ashore and for port reception facility providers who seek to provide timely and efficient port reception services to ships.

Member Governments and Parties to the MARPOL Convention are via MEPC.1Circ.834 invited to bring the revised Consolidated Guidance to the attention of all parties concerned. In particular, port States are invited to make it available at port reception facilities and flag States are invited to make it available to ship-owners and masters. MEPC.1Circ.834 (as amended) Appendix 1 contains the format for reporting alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities

2. Gibraltar Registered Vessels

Gibraltar Maritime Administration encourages Gibraltar registered ships to take into account the consolidated guidance and good practises contained within MEPC.1Circ.834 (as amended), and are further encouraged to report any inadequacies experienced in relation to Port Reception Facilities, using the reporting format of MEPC.1Circ.834 / Appendix 1 (as amended).

The Administration will ensure any such reported inadequacies received are reported to IMO via the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS).

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For & on behalf of the Maritime Administrator

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