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Shipping Guidance Notice – 062

Subject: Disposal of Pyrotechnics

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers, Local Representatives

References: **MARPOL Annex V**
 UK MCA MGN 419(M&F)

Background:

The Master on a Gibraltar registered ship recently was severely injured, requiring hospital treatment, when he was attempting to dispose of out of date pyrotechnics by firing them into the sea.

Guidance:

1. Marine distress pyrotechnics shall only be fired / ignited in emergency situations to attract attention.
2. Pyrotechnics shall not be dumped at sea
3. Out of date pyrotechnics shall be landed ashore for proper disposal as soon as possible after the expiry date
4. Out of date pyrotechnics should be stored in a cool, secure place, preferably in a metal box.
5. For Port Waste Declarations, pyrotechnics are categorized as Garbage: Operational(F)
6. Some ports may have special requirements for the discharge of pyrotechnics. Masters should consult port authorities or their agents to determine if there are any special requirements.

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