



# NIUE SHIP REGISTRY

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## **GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING INADEQUATE PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES (Circular NMC7.2018 (rev0))**

**PURPOSE:** Provide ship master/officers/owners/managers/operators with IMO (International Maritime Organization) guidance to report allegations of inadequate port reception facilities for oily wastes, noxious liquid substances, sewage, garbage, and/or ozone depleting substances and exhaust gas-cleaning system residues.

### **RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

1. MARPOL 73/78 – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships
2. IMO MEPC.1/Circ.834/Rev.1 – Consolidated Guidance for Port Reception Facility Providers and Users, 01 March 2018

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#### **A. BACKGROUND**

The entry into force of the revised MARPOL Annex V on 01 January 2013 sets new regulatory requirements regarding the disposal of garbage from vessels.

The new amendments prohibit the disposal of almost all kinds of garbage at sea with the exemption under specific requirements of food waste, animal carcasses, cargo residues contained in wash water and environmental friendly cleaning agents.

As a result of these regulations, more and more vessels will be required to dispose their ship-generated waste to reception facilities ashore thus placing further pressure for port States to ensure adequate port reception facilities are available to meet the needs of vessels whilst minimizing delays.

#### **B. REQUIREMENTS**

Ship owners/managers/operators shall update, as necessary, their procedures for shipboard operations required under Section 7 of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by incorporating the guidelines of MEPC.1/Circ.834/Rev.1.

Ship masters/officers of Niue flagged vessels that encounter difficulties in discharging waste to reception facilities should report the pertinent information to this office in the format contained in Appendix 1 of MEPC.1/Circ.834/Rev.1 and may include the Master's own report and any supporting documentation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Registry at [technical@niueship.com](mailto:technical@niueship.com) or call: +65 6226-2001 for further assistance.