



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° POL 006

DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS AND
MASTERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS
ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1st May 2009

Monaco, 12th May 2009

Under the provisions of MARPOL Convention Annex V, as from 1st May 2009 the Mediterranean Sea will become a special area.

Disposal of the following types of garbage in the Mediterranean Sea will be prohibited as from 1st May 2009:

- All plastics, including but not limited to synthetic ropes, synthetic fishing nets plastic garbage bags and incinerator ashes from plastic products which may contain toxic or heavy metal residues;
- All other garbage, including paper products, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery, dunnage, lining and packing materials.

Food waste should be disposed out of twelve (12) nautical miles from the nearest land.

When garbage is mixed with other garbage types which have different disposal or discharge requirements, more stringent requirements have to be applied.

All ships will be requested to dispose of their garbage at shore reception facilities. When reception facilities are not available, garbage should be retained on board until it can either be disposed of ashore or in accordance with the provisions of MARPOL Annex V outside the Mediterranean Sea.