



ENFORCEMENT OF EU SHIP RECYCLING REGULATION NO. 1257/2013 RELATING TO THE INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Merchant Shipping Notice 163. Rev.1

Notice to Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognized Organizations

This Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to the obligations under the EU Ship Recycling Regulation No.1257/2013 related to the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM). In particular, reference is made to the obligation to carry on board an IHM with a certificate or statement of compliance as appropriate, effective as from 31 December 2020.

Recalling that the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) published guidance on inspections carried out by EU port States to enforce provisions of the Ship Recycling Regulation, it is important to note that this reference document provides both technical information and procedural guidance contributing to harmonised implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Ship Recycling Regulation and the port State control Directive.

Furthermore, controls on the use of Cybutryne as an anti-fouling substance were introduced into the AFS Convention in 2023. Consequently, the IMO Guidelines for the Development of the IHM have been updated and published under Resolution MEPC.379(80). EMSA has also published [Guidance on the inclusion of Cybutryne in the IHM requirements under Regulation \(EU\) No.1257/2013](#).

Any material declaration supplied to a shipowner shall include confirmation that no Cybutryne is present, with such a suppliers' declaration following the format given in Appendix 6 of Resolution MEPC.379(80).

New ships built on or after 1 January 2023 shall have onboard an IHM showing record that there is no Cybutryne in their anti-fouling system. For existing ships, before their next IHM renewal survey, shipowners should record whether Cybutryne is present in the ship's antifouling system (in concentrations on average above 1,000mg per kg of dry paint).

The shipping community is also reminded of Merchant Shipping Notices 147 and 154 concerning the implementation of the EU Ship Recycling Regulation. The attention and cooperation of all parties concerned is being solicited in order to ensure the uninterrupted operations of Maltese ships.

Merchant Shipping Directorate

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