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## **MARINE NOTICE**

The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) is the main international convention for the prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes. It is one of the most important international marine environment convention and was developed originally adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in 1973. MARPOL has been amended over the years, and now contains six technical Annexes.

Seychelles acceded to the Convention and its first two Annexes on 28 November 1990. In November 2019, Seychelles deposited two instruments to IMO.

1. Instrument of Acceptance of ANNEXES III, IV AND V TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978
2. Instrument of Accession to the PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 (also known as Annex VI).

The Four Annexes are detailed as follows:

- **Annex III** – Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances Carried by Sea in Packaged Form, which determines requirements for the packing, marking, labelling, documentation, stowage, quantity limitations, exceptions, and notifications of marine pollutants listed in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) or which meet criteria established within the Annex itself.

- **Annex IV** – Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships, which sets conditions for the discharge of sewage into the sea;
- **Annex V** – Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships, which specifies the distances from land and manner in which different types of garbage may be disposed; it also imposes a complete ban of disposal into the sea of all forms of plastics.
- **Annex VI** – Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships, which limits the main air pollutants contained in ships' exhaust gas, including Sulphur oxides and nitrous oxides, and prohibits deliberate emissions of ozone depleting substances.

The expected date which the above four annexes will enter into force for Seychelles is the 29th February 2020.