

PORT CIRCULAR 6 OF 2019

To: All Port Operators
From: Captain of the Port
Date: 10 June 2019
Re: **Pre-arrival Waste Declarations – Enforcement Provisions**

Dear All

The Marpol tariff scheme has been in operation for over a year and the Gibraltar Port Authority (GPA) has been patient in allowing shipping agents time to ensure their staff are fully aware of their responsibilities as representatives of vessels calling in Gibraltar.

The GPA has also provided a Port Waste Management - Regulatory Environment work shop for all shipping agents to attend and it has operated an open door policy for any agents wishing to obtain clarification on any aspect of their responsibilities under the GPA's management plan for ship generated waste.

Due to the consistent submission of erroneously completed Pre Arrival Declaration of Waste forms, the GPA has prepared a second waste summary information sheet for agents to send to their client vessels before they submit pre arrival documentation – this is attached.

The GPA reminds agents that the pre-arrival declaration of waste forms must be fully completed and signed off by the master. No section of the form should remain incomplete and all columns in the reporting table must be completed with accurate information. It is the responsibility of the agent to ensure erroneously completed forms are not submitted to the GPA.

With effect from 1 August 2019 the GPA will commence enforcement of provisions contained within Section 12 of the Merchant Shipping (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2002, which state:

12(a) Any amendment required to the form or the information contained therein, or a failure to present the form or the information within the required time limit, shall attract a fee of £200.

In addition to the fees imposed for the late submission and/or erroneously completed forms, failure to ensure the above may lead to delays in vessels being cleared for entry in Gibraltar.

Shipping agents who persistently submit non compliant forms may have action taken on their port operator's licence by the Captain of the Port.

Further information on the latest version of the Gibraltar Waste Management Plan for Ship Generated Waste can be downloaded from our website. Alternatively, you can request a meeting with us and we will meet in order to clarify any doubt you may have.

BY ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT