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**FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 101317.GEN – Rev. 2**

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Applicable to: This FLEET / SAFETY LETTER supersedes FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 101317.GEN dated 13 February 2019 and should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

***Official Log Books***

**A. Hard Copies**

1. All vessels are required to carry a variety of log books. The following log books must be carried onboard and issued by this Administration:

- a. Official Log Book
- b. Oil Record Book
- c. Noxious Liquid Substance Record Book (when required)
- d. Garbage Record Book
- e. Ballast Water Record Book
- f. Articles of Agreement (when required)

2. To order a log book please email [Receptionist@vanuatuships.com](mailto:Receptionist@vanuatuships.com).

**B. Electronic Record Books (ERB)**

1. MARPOL Annexes I, II, V and VI have been amended to allow the use of ERBs. The definition of ERB has been included under MARPOL I/1.39, MARPOL II/1.22, MARPOL V/1.19 and MARPOL VI/2.51.

a. *Electronic Record Book* means a device or system, **approved by the Administration**, used to electronically record the required entries for discharges, transfers and other operations as required under [each] Annex in lieu of a hard copy record book.

2. Accordingly and notwithstanding item A.1 above, the following log books may be carried in electronic form:

- a. Oil Record Book
- b. Noxious Liquid Substance Record Book
- c. Garbage Record Book

3. Based on paragraph 5.2 of MEPC.312(74), the following Recognized Organizations are authorized to approve the electronic versions of the record books listed under item 2 under the provisions of the *GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC RECORD BOOKS UNDER MARPOL*:

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- Bureau Veritas (BV)
- China Classification Society (CCS)
- DNV-GL (DNV-GL)
- Korean Register of Shipping (KR)
- Lloyds Register (LR)
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)
- Polski Rejestr Statkow (PRS)
- Registro Navale Italiano (RINA)
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)
- Croatian Register of Shipping(CRS)
- Indian Register of Shipping(IRS)

4. A Declaration of MARPOL Electronic Record Book shall be issued by Vanuatu Maritime Services Limited upon recommendation from the approving Recognized Organization. The recommendation should include all the information contained on the appendix to the resolution MEPC.312(74), i.e. the Example Declaration.

5. The Declaration will be verified during the Annual Safety Inspection performed by the Flag State Inspector beginning on 1 January 2021.

### C. Other Log Books

Log books such as the Radio Log Book, Medical Log Book, Deck log book, and Engine log book may be purchased commercially either as hard copy or ERB.



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