

## Shipboard sewage management plan – declared ships

Under section 51 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Act 1995* (the Act), a declared ship must have on board a shipboard sewage management plan. A maximum penalty of 850 penalty units applies to not keeping a shipboard sewage management plan on board. Further, if a ship has on board a shipboard sewage management plan but it is not fitted with any equipment required to implement the plan, the ship's owner and master commit an offence. A maximum penalty of 850 penalty units applies.

The minimum requirements to be detailed in a shipboard sewage management plan are listed in section 36 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Pollution) Regulation 2018* (the Regulation). The plan must be in English and include:

- (a) name, registration number and class of the ship
- (b) size and type of the ship
- (c) how the plan provides for the management of shipboard sewage and prevents the unlawful discharge of sewage from the ship
- (d) the waters, if any, where the ship may lawfully discharge sewage
- (e) equipment the ship is fitted with for holding or treating sewage
- (f) operating and maintenance instructions for the equipment
- (g) how the equipment is operated to prevent the unlawful discharge of sewage into waters where the ship is operating
- (h) how the equipment is maintained and checked to ensure the equipment is in proper working order.

### Example of a possible format for a shipboard sewage management plan

#### Shipboard sewage management plan

Ship's name: ..... Registration number: .....

Class: ..... Size: .....

Ship type: .....

*(Details of passenger numbers and length of journeys may also be included to indicate the likely volumes of sewage generated on-board)*

On-board sewage management practices:

- Description of how sewage is managed on-board
- Untreated or treated sewage on-board

Sewage equipment:

- The equipment, including model numbers and type, for managing sewage on-board
- How equipment will be operated to prevent unlawful discharge

Areas where sewage discharge is permitted:

- List of areas where the discharge of sewage from the ship is permitted
- Demonstrated understanding of nil discharge areas

Operating and maintenance instructions:

- Details of operating and maintenance instructions
- Alternatively a description of where instructions can be found

Equipment maintenance:

- Details of maintenance schedule
- Details of routine measures to ensure equipment is in proper working order

