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PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY GARBAGE FROM SHIPS REGULATIONS, 1992

The Minister of Transport has, in terms of section 3 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Act, 1986 (Act No. 2 of 1986), made the regulations contained in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations-

mile means an international nautical mile or a distance of 1 852 metres;

operational wastes includes all maintenance wastes, cargo-associated wastes and cargo residues except residues or wastes from substances which are defined or listed in other Annexes to the present Convention;

plastics includes, but is not limited to, synthetic ropes, synthetic fishing nets and plastic garbage bags;

required standard, in relation to comminuted or ground garbage, means garbage comminuted or ground sufficiently finely to be capable of passing through a screen with openings no greater than 25 millimetres;

sea includes any estuary or arm of the sea;

small vessel means a vessel of less than 25 gross tons and of more than three metres in length;

Special Area shall also include any area declared by the Director-General: Transport in a Marine Notice as from a given date to be a Special Area for the purposes of Annex V to the Convention;

South African ship means a ship-

- (a) registered in the Republic in terms of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 (Act No. 57 of 1951), or deemed to be so registered;
- (b) licensed in terms of section 68 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 (Act No. 57 of 1951), or deemed to be so licensed.

Application

2. These regulations shall apply to South African ships wherever they may be, and to small vessels and ships while they are within the Republic of South Africa, the territorial waters thereof and the fishing zone, as defined in section 3 of the Territorial Waters Act, 1963 (Act No, 87 of 1963).

Offenses and penalties

3. If any person fails to comply with any of the requirements of these regulations such person shall be guilty of an offense and shall be punishable on conviction with a fine not exceeding R20 000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or with both such fine and such imprisonment.

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