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To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: MARPOL ELECTRONIC RECORD BOOKS

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Please be advised that the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator (the “Administrator”) has launched a [new portal](#) to facilitate applying for a Declaration of International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Electronic Record Book(s) (MARPOL ERBs). This document must be carried onboard a vessel that has installed approved MARPOL ERBs.

As a reminder, electronic recordkeeping for MARPOL may only be utilized if the software has been approved by the Administrator. A current list of Administrator-approved software providers can be found [here](#). Requirements for MARPOL ERBs and other electronic logbook systems are in RMI Marine Notice [7-041-5](#).

If switching to MARPOL ERBs, vessels must continue to preserve their existing, hardcopy books onboard for the required three-year minimum after the last entry has been made, unless otherwise specified. This includes Oil Record Books. See RMI Maritime Regulations ([MI-108](#)), §7.41.2(h) and RMI Marine Guideline [2-13-3](#) for additional information.

Owners and operators are further advised that the United States will now accept MARPOL ERBs (see announcement [here](#)).

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.