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MARPOL Standard Discharge Connections on Yachts

1.0 Introduction

The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) provides regulations to control pollution from ships, which includes requirements for standard connections to shore side facilities. The purpose of these standard connections is to ensure compatibility between the vessel's discharge pipeline and reception facilities.

2.0 MARPOL Requirements

- 2.1 Annex I (Prevention of Pollution by Oil), Regulation 13 requires that all ships are equipped with a standard discharge connection with a diameter of 215 mm.
- 2.2 Annex IV (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage), Regulation 10 requires that all ships are equipped with a standard discharge connection with a diameter of 210 mm.

3.0 Equivalency

- 3.1 The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator (the "Administrator") recognizes that due to the excessive size of the MARPOL standard discharge connection, it is not always reasonable or practicable to meet the requirements specified in §2.0 for certain yachts.
- 3.2 Considering §3.1, above, the Administrator may accept non-standard connections on yachts of less than 500 gross tons, where restrictive space considerations exist. This may be accepted provided that these connections are suitably designed for a service pressure of 600 kPa.
