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Subject: Circular for Delegation of Authority for Inspection of Ship Originated Sea Pollution
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Dear Sirs,

This is to inform you that the General Directorate of Environmental Management under the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Türkiye has issued a new circular numbered 2023/3 dated 23.01.2023 for delegation of authority for inspection of ship-originated sea pollution.

The amendments made in the circular were summarized as below:-

- 1- The authority for inspections as to whether 2872 numbered Environmental Law is followed and authority for administrative sanction decision in Turkish marine jurisdiction has been delegated to
 - Harbor Masters affiliated to Ministry of Transportation
 - Coast Guard Command affiliated to Ministry of Interior
 - Turkish Environment Agency
 - Antalya Metropolitan Municipality
 - Mersin Metropolitan Municipality
- 2- In addition to Harbor Masters, Municipalities and Cost Guard who have been carrying out inspections and imposing penalties, new authorization has been assigned for the Turkish Environment Agency which is now authorized to apply administrative sanctions to the vessels as per Environmental Law numbered 2872 and article no: 20(i) in their jurisdiction area defined in annex no: 1 of the circular.

Except for tankers above 150 GRT and for vessels above 400 GRT, in case of determination of lack of information, documentation and keeping electronic records of waste as per local and international regulations, the Turkish Environment Agency is authorized to apply administrative sanction as per Environmental Law numbered 2872 and article no: 20(g) in the jurisdiction areas defined in annex no:1 of this circular.

The jurisdiction area of the Turkish Environment Agency has been determined with the coordinates listed in the annex of circular which is covering the Istanbul Strait, Marmara Sea, Black sea entrance and Izmit Bay. (You may refer below map drafted by the Author for easy reference)

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Jurisdiction Area of Turkish Environment Agency

In addition to above, the jurisdiction areas of Antalya and Mersin Metropolitan Municipality drafted as below:-



Antalya Metropolitan Municipality Jurisdiction Area



Mersin Metropolitan Municipality Jurisdiction Area

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The delegated institutions are authorized to inform the relevant delegated institution in case a sea pollution matter detected by them out of their jurisdiction area and intervenes to the matter until the relevant delegated institution arrives on site.

- 3- It was announced that in the inspections to be carried out by the delegated institutions, the Environmental Inspection Regulation will be complied and the determination as to whether the repetition of the act in accordance with Article 23 of the Environmental Law will be carried out with the method to be determined by the Ministry.

Submitted for your kind info.

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