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CIRCULAR USCG acceptance on the use of Electronic Record Books under MARPOL

Following Dromon C20036, the USCG has accepted the amendments to MARPOL 73/78 for the use of electronic record books.

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On October 1, 2020, amendments to MARPOL 73/78 entered into force permitting vessels to electronically record discharges, transfers, and other reportable operations required under Annexes I, II, V and VI in Electronic Record Books (ERB); as per IMO Resolution [MEPC.314\(74\)](#).

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has advised through a newsletter that the USCG Port State Control Officers (PSCO) and the Marine Inspectors will begin examining ERBs in a similar manner as written record books. Vessel representatives should be prepared to provide the PSCO with written confirmation from the Flag Administration that the electronic system meets the criteria provided in IMO Resolution [MEPC.312\(74\)](#).

For more information, read our [C20036](#).

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ShipOwners/ Managers/ Operators of ships trading in the US, are recommended to apply the use of electronic record books on board their fleet and if using the electronic record books to assure compliance with the record-keeping requirements under the relevant MARPOL Chapter.