

**Ship-source pollution:  
Revision of Directive  
2005/35/EC and introduction  
of penalties for infringements**  
EU legislators (European Parliament  
and Council) reach agreement



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Following the 2005 EU Directive on water pollution from ships, there have been significant developments in protection of the marine environment both in the UN International Maritime Organization (IMO MARPOL Convention) and in EU legislation (Directive 2019/883/EU which requires ships to deliver their waste in ports). In addition, EU rules on the protection of the environment through criminal law (Directive 2008/99/EC) have been found inefficient and in need for revision.

Expansion of scope and alignment to MARPOL rules has been proposed by the Commission in 2023. Following a debate in the European Parliament and the Council, a trilogue between European Parliament, Council and Commission delivered on 15 February 2024 a political agreement in 1st reading - subject to formal adoption by the legislators.

EWA NEWS provides you the key elements on the revision as well as links to the current Directive, the legislative proposal for a revision and the final text agreed in trilogue.