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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL  
ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001**

**Accession by the Marshall Islands**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001, and to state that, in accordance with article 17 of the Convention, accession by the Republic of the Marshall Islands was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 9 May 2008.

The Convention will enter into force for the Marshall Islands on 17 September 2008, in accordance with the provisions of article 18.

There are, at present, thirty Contracting States to the Convention.

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