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Australian Maritime Safety Authority

GARBAGE RECORD BOOK

PART I – ALL SHIPS EXCEPT THOSE CARRYING SOLID BULK CARGOES



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Name of Ship _____

Distinctive Number or Letters _____

IMO Number _____

Port of Registry _____

Period: From _____ To _____

NOTE: Every ship of 100 gross tonnage and above and every ship which is certified to carry 15 persons or more engaged in voyages to ports or offshore terminals under the jurisdiction of another Party to the Convention and every fixed or floating platform shall be provided with a Garbage Record Book.

1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with regulation 10 of Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL), a record is to be kept of each discharge operation or completed incineration. This includes discharges into the sea, to reception facilities, or to other ships, as well as the accidental loss of garbage.

2. GARBAGE AND GARBAGE MANAGEMENT

Garbage means all kinds of food wastes, domestic wastes and operational wastes, all plastics, cargo residues, incinerator ashes, cooking oil, fishing gear, and animal carcasses generated during the normal operation of the ship and liable to be disposed of continuously or periodically except those substances which are defined or listed in other Annexes to the present Convention.

Garbage does not include fresh fish and parts thereof generated as a result of fishing activities undertaken during the voyage, or as a result of aquaculture activities which involve the transport of fish including shellfish for placement in the aquaculture facility and the transport of harvested fish including shellfish from such facilities to shore for processing.

The Guidelines for the Implementation of MARPOL Annex V should also be referred to for relevant information.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE GARBAGE

Garbage is to be grouped into categories for the purpose of recording in parts I and II of the Garbage Record Book (or ship's official logbook) as follows:

Part I

- A Plastics
- B Food wastes
- C Domestic wastes
- D Cooking oil
- E Incinerator ashes
- F Operational wastes
- G Animal carcasses
- H Fishing gear
- I E-waste

Part II

- J Cargo residues (non-HME)
- K Cargo residues (HME)

4. ENTRIES IN THE GARBAGE RECORD BOOK

4.1 Entries in the Garbage Record Book shall be made on each of the following occasions:

4.1.1 When garbage is discharged to a reception facility ashore or to other ships:

- .1 Date and time of discharge
- .2 Port or facility, or name of ship
- .3 Categories of garbage discharged
- .4 Estimated amount discharged for each category in cubic metres
- .5 Signature of officer in charge of the operation.

4.1.2 When garbage is incinerated:

- .1 Date and time of start and stop of incineration
- .2 Position of the ship (latitude and longitude) at the start and stop of incineration
- .3 Categories of garbage incinerated
- .4 Estimated amount incinerated in cubic metres
- .5 Signature of the officer in charge of the operation.

4.1.3 When garbage is discharged into the sea in accordance with regulations 4, 5 or 6 of MARPOL Annex V or chapter 5 of part II-A of the Polar Code:

- .1 Date and time of discharge
- .2 Position of the ship (latitude and longitude).
Note: for cargo residue discharges, include discharge start and stop positions
- .3 Category of garbage discharged
- .4 Estimated amount discharged for each category in cubic metres
- .5 Signature of the officer in charge of the operation.

4.1.4 Accidental or other exceptional discharge or loss of garbage into the sea, including in accordance with regulation 7 of MARPOL Annex V:

- .1 Date and time of occurrence
- .2 Port or position of the ship at time of occurrence (latitude, longitude and water depth if known)
- .3 Categories of garbage discharged or lost
- .4 Estimated amount for each category in cubic metres
- .5 The reason for the discharge or loss and general remarks

5. AMOUNT OF GARBAGE

The amount of garbage on board should be estimated in cubic metres, if possible separately according to category. The Garbage Record Book contains many references to estimated amount of garbage. It is recognised that the accuracy of estimating amounts of garbage is left to interpretation. Volume estimates will differ before and after processing. Some processing procedures may not allow for a usable estimate of volume, e.g. the continuous processing of food waste. Such factors should be taken into consideration when making and interpreting entries made in a record.

