

INTERNATIONAL POLLUTION REGULATIONS

MARPOL CONVENTION ANNEX V

DISCHARGE OF GARBAGE INTO THE SEA IS

PROHIBITED

Garbage should be retained on board for discharge at port reception facilities.

Discharge of the following garbage is only permitted while the ship is 'en route' and as far as practicable from the nearest land[^].

<p>FOOD WASTE COMMINUTED OR GROUND through equipment with particle size no greater than 25mm*</p> <p>NOTE: The discharge into the sea of cooking oil is prohibited</p>	<p>More than 3nm from nearest land[^]</p> <p>Food waste on ships entering and operating in Australian waters is subject to biosecurity requirements and must not be discharged within Australia's territorial sea (12 nm limit)</p>
<p>FOOD WASTE that has not been processed</p> <p>CARGO RESIDUES not harmful to the marine environment*</p>	<p>More than 12 nm from nearest land[^]</p>
<p>CLEANING AGENTS/ADDITIVES not harmful to the marine environment* contained in cargo hold, deck and external surface wash water</p>	<p>Discharge permitted</p>
<p>ANIMAL CARCASSES*</p>	<p>As far from the nearest land[^] as possible</p>
<p>SPECIAL AREAS including ANTARCTIC AREA</p> <p>Additional restrictions apply*</p>	<p>FOOD WASTE COMMINUTED OR GROUND -as far as practicable from areas of ice concentration exceeding 1/10, but not less than 12nm from nearest land[^], ice shelf or fast ice</p> <p>Discharge of introduced avian products PROHIBITED in Antarctic Area unless incinerated, autoclaved or otherwise treated to be made sterile</p>

Garbage can be incinerated in equipment complying with MARPOL Annex VI
Each discharge or incineration must be recorded in the Garbage Record Book

All Seafarers must follow procedures for handling garbage in accordance with the Garbage Management Plan

Violation of these requirements may result in penalties

[^]The definition of 'nearest land' includes the Great Barrier Reef and Torres Strait area and can be found in MARPOL Annex V

*Refer to MARPOL Annex V and guidelines for more information

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REPORTING ILLEGAL GARBAGE DISCHARGE

You can help keep our seas clean by reporting any violations of the garbage discharge regulations

Information is needed to assist in investigating and prosecuting offenders. Useful information includes:

- the **name** of the ship responsible;
- the **time, date and location** of the incident (distance from land, GPS coordinates);
- details of **how much and what type of garbage** was discharged; and
- other **witnesses** or ships in the vicinity

If possible take photographs or video images of the pollution, the ship or person involved.

Please REPORT illegal garbage discharges to:

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (Australia)

Phone: 1800 641 792 (freecall) or (02) 6230 6811 at any time

Please keep this information card on board your ship.

MARPOL requires that all ships of 12m or more in length overall display a placard that notifies the crew and passengers of the garbage discharge regulations