

**Simplified overview of the discharge provisions of the revised  
MARPOL Annex V (resolution MEPC.201(62)) which will enter into force on  
1 January 2013**

(for more detailed guidance regarding the respective discharge requirements please refer to the text of  
MARPOL Annex V or to the 2012 Guidelines for the Implementation of MARPOL Annex V)

Type of garbage	Ships outside special areas	Ships within special areas	Offshore platforms (more than 12 nm from land) and all ships within 500 m of such platforms
Food waste comminuted or ground	Discharge permitted ≥3 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	Discharge permitted ≥12 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	Discharge permitted
Food waste not comminuted or ground	Discharge permitted ≥12 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited
Cargo residues <sup>1</sup> not contained in wash water	Discharge permitted ≥12 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited
Cargo residues <sup>1</sup> contained in wash water		Discharge permitted ≥12 nm from the nearest land, en route, as far as practicable and subject to two additional conditions <sup>2</sup>	Discharge prohibited
Cleaning agents and additives <sup>1</sup> contained in cargo hold wash water	Discharge permitted	Discharge permitted ≥12 nm from the nearest land, en route, as far as practicable and subject to two additional conditions <sup>2</sup>	Discharge prohibited
Cleaning agents and additives <sup>1</sup> in deck and external surfaces wash water		Discharge permitted	Discharge prohibited
Carcasses of animals carried on board as cargo and which died during the voyage	Discharge permitted as far from the nearest land as possible and en route	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited
All other garbage including plastics, synthetic ropes, fishing gear, plastic garbage bags, incinerator ashes, clinkers, cooking oil, floating dunnage, lining and packing materials, paper, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery and similar refuse	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited
Mixed garbage	When garbage is mixed with or contaminated by other substances prohibited from discharge or having different discharge requirements, the more stringent requirements shall apply		

<sup>1</sup> These substances must not be harmful to the marine environment.

<sup>2</sup> According to regulation 6.1.2 of MARPOL Annex V the discharge shall only be allowed if: (a) both the port of departure and the next port of destination are within the special area and the ship will not transit outside the special area between these ports (regulation 6.1.2.2); and (b) if no adequate reception facilities are available at those ports (regulation 6.1.2.3).