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To: All Surveyors/Auditors

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Subject: **USCG: Garbage Record Book, Waste Management Plan, Placards**

Reference: **MARPOL Annex V / USCG; 33CFR 151.55**

a. Garbage Record Book (33 CFR 151.55 / MARPOL Annex V (amended) Regulation 10):

While the applicability has not changed, there are notable changes in the general reporting format of the garbage record book to account for the increased restrictions on the discharge of garbage into the sea. The garbage record book, whether as part of the ship's official logbook or otherwise, shall be in the form specified in Resolution MEPC.201(62)

b. Waste Management Plan (33 CFR 151.57 / MARPOL Annex V (amended) Regulation 10):

Requirements for domestic oceangoing ships have not changed. However, the applicability for non-U.S. flagged ships that engage in international voyages has been reduced from 400 gross tonnage and above to 100 gross tonnage and above. Garbage management plans should reflect the collecting, on board storage, and final disposition of garbage per the revised requirements.

c. Placards (33 CFR 151.59 / MARPOL Annex V (amended) Regulation 10):

While the applicability has not changed, placards must be updated to reflect the new garbage discharge requirements. Until U.S. regulations are updated to reflect the new garbage discharge regime and placards are readily available, U.S. flagged ships operating exclusively on domestic voyages may continue to use existing placards.

U.S. flagged ships on international voyages and visiting ports of a country that are party to MARPOL Annex V will need to meet the annex's placarding requirements to avoid possible port state control action.

Enforcement. Coast Guard Port State Control officers should verify a foreign flag ship's compliance with MARPOL Annex V during normally scheduled Port State Control examinations. For U.S. ships operating strictly on domestic routes, compliance should be verified by Coast Guard Marine Inspectors during normally scheduled inspections, but an educational outreach and awareness approach is encouraged. However, current enforcement options remain in place for willful and egregious violators or repeat offenders.

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Sample Placards

1. Targeting crew and shipboard operations on vessels of more than 7.9 meters (26 feet) in length overall.

Discharge of all garbage into the sea is prohibited except when specifically allowed

The MARPOL Convention and U.S. law prohibit the discharge of most garbage from ships. Only the following garbage types are allowed to be discharged and under the specified conditions.

Outside Special Areas designated under MARPOL Annex V:

- Comminuted or ground food wastes (capable of passing through a screen with openings no larger than 25 millimeters (1 inch)) may be discharged not less than 3 nautical miles from the nearest land.
- Other food wastes may be discharged not less than 12 nautical miles from the nearest land.
- Cargo residues classified as not harmful to the marine environment may be discharged not less than 12 nautical miles from the nearest land.
- Cleaning agents or additives in cargo hold, deck and external surfaces washing water may be discharged only if they are not harmful to the marine environment.
- With the exception of discharging cleaning agents in washing water, the ship must be en route and as far as practicable from the nearest land.

Inside Special Areas designated under MARPOL Annex V:

- More stringent discharge requirements apply for the discharges of food wastes and cargo residues; and
- Consult Annex V and the shipboard garbage management plan for details.

For all areas of the sea, ships carrying specialized cargoes such as live animals or solid bulk cargoes should consult Annex V and the associated Guidelines for the implementation of Annex V.

Discharge of any type of garbage must be entered in the Garbage Record Book.

Violation of these requirements may result in penalties.

2. Targeting fixed or floating platforms and ships operating within 500 meters (1650 feet) of such platforms.

REFERENCES:

- **MARPOL Annex V (amended) Regulation 10**
- **USCG: 33CFR 151.55**

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