

## Implementation of MARPOL Annex V in Cyprus (Cyprus)

The Department of Merchant Shipping (DMS) in Cyprus, in its capacity as the competent Cypriot authority under Regulation 8 of MARPOL Annex V (Port State control on operational requirements), performs random inspections on all ships (national and foreign) within the port areas of Cyprus, as well as inspections of Cypriot ships abroad (a fleet of about 1000 foreign going ships) to ensure compliance with MARPOL Annex V. Practically, the officers check the ship's garbage management plan (GMP), the garbage record book and verify the existence of garbage disposal receipts from previous ports. They also check that garbage collected is stowed and segregated in accordance with the ship's GMP and they verify also that placards to notify the crew and passengers on the requirements for disposal of waste are displayed as required. The inspections are performed either by Marine Surveyors of the DMS or by 14 independent Inspectors, which have been appointed in 12 ports around the world.

Also small passenger ships engaged in coastal navigation are checked regularly for compliance with the applicable national requirements.

### Facts

Place / Location	Cyprus
Commencement Date	1 July 1998
Duration	Ongoing
Theme	Prevention
Type of Initiative	Policy/Regulation Implementation
Initiated by	National Government, Department of Merchant Shipping
Involved Stakeholders	None
Funding/Financial Support	No
Success Rate	Very Successful
Case Study prepared by	

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**Available documentation and further information**

[http://www.mcw.gov.cy/mcw/dms/dms.nsf/mission\\_en/mission\\_en?OpenDocument](http://www.mcw.gov.cy/mcw/dms/dms.nsf/mission_en/mission_en?OpenDocument)

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**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	<b>Discharge permitted</b> ≥ 23 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	<b>Discharge permitted</b> ≥ 12 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	<b>Discharge permitted</b>
Food waste not comminuted or ground	<b>Discharge permitted</b> ≥ 12 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
Cargo residues <sup>1</sup> not contained in wash water	<b>Discharge permitted</b> ≥ 12 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
Cargo residues <sup>1</sup> contained in wash water	<b>Discharge permitted</b> ≥ 12 nm from the nearest land, en route and as far as practicable	<b>Discharge permitted</b> ≥ 12 nm from the nearest land, en route, as far as practicable and subject to two additional conditions <sup>2</sup>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
Cleaning agents and additives <sup>1</sup> contained in cargo hold wash water	<b>Discharge permitted</b>	<b>Discharge permitted</b> ≥ 12 nm from the nearest land, en route, as far as practicable and subject to two additional conditions <sup>2</sup>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
Cleaning agents and additives <sup>1</sup> in deck and external surfaces	<b>Discharge permitted</b>	<b>Discharge permitted</b>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
Wash water	<b>Discharge permitted</b> as far from the nearest land as possible and en route	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
Carcasses of animals carried on board as cargo and which died during the voyage	<b>Discharge permitted</b> as far from the nearest land as possible and en route	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
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	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>	<b>Discharge prohibited</b>
<b>Mixed garbage</b>	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).

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