



Guidance for ships' Garbage management plans

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Global	
Geographical area targeted:	
Scale of Implementation:	Global
Commencement Date:	
End Date	
Objectives:	Prevention of waste from entering the aquatic environment
Type of Initiative:	Command-and Control measures
Type of Marine Litter targeted:	Consumption waste
Location of the litter targeted:	All
Land based sources targeted:	None
Sea based sources targeted	Ships
Brief Description of the Initiative:	Under Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, modified in 1978 (MARPOL 73/78), all ships of more than 400 tons or certified to carry more than 15 persons must prepare a garbage management plan (from January 2013, all ships of more than 100 tons). The discharge at sea of many types of waste, including all plastics, is prohibited. All ships of more than 400 tons must carry a garbage record book. In 2012 guidance, IMO calls for ships to minimise taking onboard material that could become garbage. In addition, under the Directive on Port Reception Facilities (2000/59/EC), ships that demonstrate that they have an environmental management system that reduces their waste generation can be given reductions in port fees. Further guidance on garbage management on ships, and on the elements of environmental management systems for ships, could be prepared. It would be most useful for guidance to be prepared at EU level, e.g. by an EU institution or via the European Certification Organisation (CEN).
Responsible organizations:	Either EU or IMO
Partner organizations:	Member States; shipping sector
Financing:	ports, shipping sector
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Pdf document: Literature:	Directive 2000/59/EC EMSA, Horizontal Assessment Report - Port Reception Facilities (Directive 2000/59/EC), Dec. 2010 Barcelona workshop and interviews
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