

"Don't Cure, Prevent!"

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Subject: "Preventing Marine Pollution by Garbage from ships!"

Case: Recently, it has been reported that a cargo vessel, faced difficulties in Australia when Port State Control Officers boarded the vessel for a PSC inspection. Amongst other findings, the PSC Officers during the inspection, asked the Chief Officer to demonstrate the receipts corresponding to the garbage delivery to shore based reception facilities. Unfortunately, there were no receipts available onboard.

As a result, the following deficiency was imposed:

"No receipts for garbage landed ashore"

Nowadays,
Environmental
Performance is under
thorough scrutiny
during third parties
inspections!



In connection to the above, and in order to assist our Clients to avoid similar complications in the future, we would like to highlight the **MARPOL Appendix to Annex V Regulation 4.3** requirements pursuant to the above case:

"4.3 Receipts; The Master should obtain from the operator of port reception facilities, or from the Master of the ship receiving the garbage, a receipt or certificate specifying the estimated amount of garbage transferred. The receipts or certificates must be kept on board the ship with the Garbage Record Book for two years."

Referring to the above mentioned regulation and in order to assist further, **'Prevention at Sea'** suggests the following items to be considered with regards to the garbage segregation, storage and disposal:



- **Placards/ Posters** should be displayed in the working language of vessel's crew and inform of the garbage disposal requirements
- **Incinerator (if fitted)** should be in good condition, properly maintained, functional and with appropriate spares always available onboard
- **Materials** prohibited from being disposed of at sea should be stowed in suitable receptacles before being delivered ashore.
- **Segregation** of garbage should be performed into suitably marked receptacles of an approved type
- **Plans** of cargo residues retention and records of disposal should be maintained and be available for inspection at all times.

'Prevention at Sea' is in a position to undertake the compilation of a ship – specific Garbage Management Plan in accordance with MARPOL 73/78 Annex V (as amended).

We remain at your disposal for more details,

Prevention at Sea