

CARGO RESIDUES

Simplified overview of the discharge provisions regarding cargo residues of the revised MARPOL Annex V

DISCLAIMER: Additional requirements may apply.

This simplified overview is for information or reference purposes only and is not meant as a substitute for the comprehensive provisions in the revised MARPOL Annex V (resolution MEPC.201(62)) or the 2012 Guidelines for the Implementation of MARPOL Annex V (resolution MEPC.219(63)).

Type of garbage	Ships outside special areas	Ships within special areas	Offshore platforms and all ships within 500 m of such platforms
Cargo residues not considered harmful to the marine environment and not contained in wash water	Discharge permitted ≥12 nm from the nearest land and <i>en route</i>	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited
Cargo residues not considered harmful to the marine environment contained in wash water		Discharge only permitted in specific circumstances ¹ and ≥12 nm from the nearest land and <i>en route</i>	Discharge prohibited
Cargo residues considered harmful to the marine environment	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited	Discharge prohibited

¹ 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).