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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

**DGS Order No. 12 of 2021**

<b>File No: 13-20011/4/2020-ENGG - DGS</b>	<b>Date: 17.03.2021</b>
<b>Subject: Discharge of Ship Generated Waste at Indian Ports</b>	

Drawing attention to various DGS Circulars inter-alia No.6 of 2018 dated 20th November 2018 on the utilization of Centralized Port Reception Facility Portal - “Swachh Sagar” and reiterating that India being a party to MARPOL Convention has obligations to ensure availability of adequate port reception facilities for ship-generated wastes and residues to meet the “normal operational needs” of ships visiting such ports, anchorage or repair yards, without causing undue delay;

2. Noting that India being a party to Basel Convention which regulates/restricts the transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and obliges its Parties to ensure that such wastes are managed and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner;
3. Taking cognizance of few recent reports of ships stopping in Indian waters on the pretext of crew change, minor repairs and similar such reasons and attempting to discharge shipboard wastes which was neither generated through normal operation of the vessel nor by loading or discharging of cargo at an Indian port;
4. Clarifying that the ports/repair yards and thus the port state is under no obligation to provide port reception facilities to ships which are not involved in designated port operations or approved repairs at that port or repair yard as the case may be;
5. Taking above into consideration and to ensure that India does not become a dumping ground for shipboard wastes on the pretext of well-intended provisions of MARPOL Convention, it is hereby clarified that:-

No vessel (Indian or Foreign flag) that come to a port or place including anchorages in India is permitted to discharge any waste from onboard such ships, without express permission of the Director-General of Shipping unless the said vessel has come to the respective port/anchorage/yard for a designated port/yard related service (i.e. cargo loading/un-loading or passenger embarkation/disembarkation or off-shore operations or towing operations or repairs in a repair yard), as the case may be.

With the exception that the ships operating in off-shore for a long period of time, are permitted to discharge only MARPOL Annex V operational waste to other vessels operating in off-shore (and not from any other vessels passing through the area) and returning back to the port subject to such vessels having a garbage management plan reviewed by any RO indicating the procedure for such collection, storage, segregation, taking into account availability of safe storage space and discharge to port approved vendor of shore reception facilities and also for submission of such activities on Swachh Sagar Portal.

  
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