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Implementation of MARPOL Annex V Amendments Interim Rule

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Coast Guard is publishing an interim rule with request for comments to revise its regulations to conform to the MARPOL Annex V amendments, which entered into force on January 1, 2013. The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annex V (Garbage) amendments prohibiting the discharge of garbage from vessels unless expressly allowed were adopted by the International Maritime Organization's Marine Environmental Protection Committee in July 2011 and implemented domestically through the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships. Under this rule, the only allowed discharges will be certain food wastes, cargo residues, cleaning agents and additives in wash waters, and animal carcasses.

The interim rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>; docket number: USCG-2012-1049.

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