

## Bulletin 431 - 09/05 - Galley Garbage Segregation - Worldwide

Reports from ship masters, during ship inspections, reveal that Port State Control Inspectors are appearing more vigilant in their inspections of garbage segregation on board ship, with individual bins in the galley and pantry areas being singled out for closer inspection.

In one incident on board a UK Club vessel, a Port State Control Inspector donned a pair of rubber gloves before rummaging through the contents of the galley food waste bin. Regrettably the galley staff on this ship had not been segregating the garbage as required by Annex V of MARPOL 73/78 regulations, and the Port State Control Inspector found plastic, paper and bottles in the bin clearly marked **Galley Food Waste Only**. Corrective action, immediately taken by ships staff, averted an embarrassing situation and possible prosecution. The following photographs are recent examples of galley garbage segregation seen on board during ship inspections.



Ship staff are reminded that garbage segregation is a statutory requirement of MARPOL Annex V and applies to all areas of the ship, particularly the galley and pantry. The garbage is to be grouped into categories for the purpose of the Garbage Record Book as follows:

1. Plastics
2. Floating dunnage, lining, or packing material
3. Ground-down paper products, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery, etc
4. Cargo residues, paper products, rags, glass, metal, bottles, crockery, etc
5. Food waste
6. Incinerator ash except from plastic products which may contain toxic or heavy metal residues.

The guidelines for the Implementation of Annex V of MARPOL should also be referred to for relevant information.

It should be noted that in some countries the person committing the offence risks prosecution as well as the commercial Company.



Image: mixed garbage in galley bin.

