

# MARPOL Trash Placard

- (1) The discharge of plastic or garbage mixed with plastic into any waters is prohibited.
- (2) The discharge of all garbage is prohibited in the navigable waters of the United States and, in all other waters, within three nautical miles of the nearest land.
- (3) The discharge of dunnage, lining, and packing materials that float is prohibited within 25 nautical miles of the nearest land.
- (4) Other unground garbage may be discharged beyond 12 nautical miles from the nearest land.
- (5) Other garbage ground to less than one inch may be discharged beyond three nautical miles of the nearest land.
- (6) A person who violates the above requirements is liable for a civil penalty for each violation, and the criminal penalties of a class D felony. Placards installed on vessels before May 7, 1997, need not be replaced; and existing stocks of placards, containing previous language, may be used. When language on a placard is inconsistent with the language in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) due to use of a placard containing previous language penalty amounts contained in the CFR are controlling.
- (7) Regional, State, and local restrictions on garbage discharges also may apply.