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(c) The accidental loss of synthetic fishing nets, provided all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent such loss.

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§ 151.79 Operating requirements: Discharge of sewage within Antarctica.

(a) A vessel certified to carry more than 10 persons must not discharge untreated sewage into the sea within 12 nautical miles of Antarctic land or ice shelves; beyond such distance, sewage stored in a holding tank must not be discharged instantaneously but at a moderate rate and, where practicable, while the ship is en route at a speed of no less than 4 knots. For purposes of this section, "sewage" means:

(1) Drainage and other wastes from any form of toilets, urinals, and WC scuppers;

(2) Drainage from medical premises (dispensary, sick bay, etc.) via wash basins, wash tubs, and scuppers located in such premises;

(3) Drainage from spaces containing living animals; or

(4) Other waste waters when mixed with the drainages defined above.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to a warship, naval auxiliary, or other ship owned or operated by the United States and used only in government non-commercial service.

(c) Paragraph (a) of this section does not apply in cases of an emergency relating to the safety of a ship and those on board or saving life at sea. Notice of an activity, otherwise prohibited under paragraph (a) of this section, undertaken in case of an emergency shall be reported immediately to the National Response Center (NRC) toll free number 800-424-8802.

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APPENDIX A TO §§ 151.51 THROUGH 151.77—SUMMARY OF GARBAGE DISCHARGE RESTRICTIONS

Garbage Type	All Vessels Except Fixed or Floating Platforms and Associated Vessels		Fixed or Floating Platforms & Assoc. Vessels ² (33 CFR 151.73)
	Outside special areas (33 CFR 151.69)	In special areas ² (33 CFR 151.71)	
Plastics—includes synthetic ropes and fishing nets and plastic bags.	Disposal prohibited (33 CFR 151.67).	Disposal prohibited (33 CFR 151.67).	Disposal prohibited (33 CFR 151.67).
Dunnage, lining and packing materials that float.	Disposal prohibited less than 25 miles from nearest land and in the navigable waters of the U.S.	Disposal prohibited (33 CFR 151.71).	Disposal prohibited.
Paper, rags, glass, metal bottles, crockery and similar refuse.	Disposal prohibited less than 12 miles from nearest land and in the navigable waters of the U.S.	Disposal prohibited (33 CFR 151.71).	Disposal prohibited.
Paper, rags, glass, etc. comminuted or ground. ¹	Disposal prohibited less than 3 miles from nearest land and in the navigable waters of the U.S.	Disposal prohibited (33 CFR 151.71).	Disposal prohibited.
Victual waste not comminuted or ground.	Disposal prohibited less than 12 miles from nearest land and in the navigable waters of the U.S.	Disposal prohibited less than 12 miles from nearest land.	Disposal prohibited.
Victual waste comminuted or ground. ¹	Disposal prohibited less than 3 miles from nearest land and in the navigable waters of the U.S.	Disposal prohibited less than 12 miles from nearest land.	Disposal prohibited less than 12 miles from nearest land and in the navigable waters of the U.S.
Mixed garbage types. ⁴	See Note 4.	See Note 4.	See Note 4.

Note 1: Comminuted or ground garbage must be able to pass through a screen with a mesh size no larger than 25 mm. (1 inch) (33 CFR 151.75)

Note 2: Special areas under Annex V are the Mediterranean, Baltic, Black, Red, and North Seas areas and the Gulfs area. (33 CFR 151.53)

Note 3: Fixed or floating platforms and associated vessels includes all fixed or floating platforms engaged in exploration, exploitation or associated offshore processing of seabed mineral resources, and all ships within 500m of such platforms.

Note 4: When garbage is mixed with other harmful substances having different disposal or discharge requirements, the more stringent disposal restrictions shall apply.

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