

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

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### PORT OF LIVERPOOL

#### DISPOSAL OF INTERNATIONAL CATERING WASTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, the definition of International Catering Waste (ICW), as applied to waste landed from vessels, has changed.

Guidance issued by the Animal and Plant Health Agency and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs states:

*Food and drink is not considered ICW until it is no longer intended for human consumption or has been mixed with food waste. For example, a carton of milk is considered ICW only when thrown away.*

*ICW is a high-risk category 1 animal by-product (ABP).*

*ICW includes all food waste from... ships travelling internationally and within EU territory. Food waste from... ships is classified domestic catering waste when:*

- *operating within the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man*
- *travelling from Northern Ireland to Great Britain*

Further information can be found in the GOV.UK guidance note [Handling and disposing of international catering waste](#).

**With effect from Monday, 27 September 2021**, if the Master of a vessel due to arrive at the Port wishes to dispose of ICW, the port agent must request, with not less than 24 hours' notice (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays), an ICW disposal service by emailing [ShipsgarbageMersey@peelports.com](mailto:ShipsgarbageMersey@peelports.com), including the following details:

- Name of vessel
- Berth at which the ICW will be landed ashore
- Estimated date and time of arrival at the berth
- Estimated quantity of ICW for disposal
- Copy of the CERS workbook

**Note:** *This ICW disposal request process does not apply to vessels disposing of ICW at terminals or berths operated by third-parties that hold their own MCA-approved waste management plan. In such cases, the relevant terminal or berth operator must be consulted regarding their ICW disposal requirements.*

In addition to the above request for ICW disposal, Masters of vessels due to arrive at the Port must ensure that they declare correctly on the [CERS workbook](#) (which must be uploaded to the [PortLinks Online Booking Portal](#)) the quantities of garbage for disposal at the Port. If the Master of a vessel does not wish to dispose of ICW (or any other garbage types) at the Port, the CERS workbook must show the relevant garbage types as being retained on board.

It is the Master's responsibility to declare and dispose of garbage generated on board their vessel correctly. Details of vessels whose CERS workbooks include ICW declared incorrectly as general food waste will be passed to the relevant authorities for potential enforcement action.

Details of the charges for ICW disposal (including disposal services requested but subsequently not required) can be found in the Schedule of Port Charges.

A flow chart detailing the process for the declaration and disposal of ICW accompanies this Notice.

Queries regarding ICW disposal should be emailed to:

[mersey.waste@peelports.com](mailto:mersey.waste@peelports.com) and [Port.Health@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:Port.Health@liverpool.gov.uk).

## Port of Liverpool process for vessels to dispose of International Catering Waste or Food Waste

