

IAATO Statement on Waste Management

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The IAATO Membership has discussed waste management practices in marine areas adjacent to the area of the Antarctic Treaty and agreed that:

1. for IAATO Member operated SOLAS vessels and IAATO yachts (if applicable), the restrictions on discharge into the sea from vessels that apply in the Antarctic Treaty area, pursuant to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty and MARPOL 73/78, including the latest amendments per the Polar Code², should be extended northward to apply everywhere south of the Antarctic Convergence¹ (Polar Front);
2. the location of the Antarctic Convergence shall normally be deemed to be the line defining the northern limit of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) set forth in Article I, paragraph 4 of the Convention¹, unless measurement of variation in sea water temperature clearly establishes its location as further north;
3. with the long term objective of preventing any discharge of waste by IAATO Member operated vessels on Antarctic voyages, all such vessels capable of doing so are strongly urged to retain all waste on board for appropriate shore-side disposal; and
4. IAATO open lines of communication with the appropriate authorities in gateway ports aimed at promoting expansion of environmentally sound waste reception facilities.

¹ The Antarctic Convergence shall be deemed to be a line joining the following points along parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude: 50°S, 0°; 50°S, 30°E; 45°S, 30°E; 45°S, 80°E; 55°S, 80°E; 55°S°, 150°E; 60°S, 150°E; 60°S, 50°W; 50°S, 50°W; 50°S, 0°.

² See Appendix "How the Polar Code Protects the Environment." International Maritime Organization (IMO).