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installation if necessary, at any time the vessel is under way in Panama Canal waters and at any other time her navigation is under the control of a Panama Canal pilot. Vessels equipped with radio telephones operating on the frequencies designated by the Panama Canal Commission are deemed to meet the requirements of this section provided they have someone aboard capable and qualified to operate such equipment.

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**§ 123.8 Precedence of messages relative to vessel's movements and Canal business; use of vessel's radio by pilot.**

Messages relating to a vessel's movements and Canal business shall take precedence over all commercial messages. The pilot on a vessel passing through the Canal shall be afforded free use of the vessel's radio for the transaction of Canal business.

**§ 123.9 Immediate report of accidents, delays, or casualties.**

Vessels within Panama Canal waters shall report by radio to the Canal authorities any accident or anything else that may delay them or require assistance, any sickness or casualties that require medical attendance or any other matter of importance that may arise. If a pilot is on board, such report shall be made by the pilot or under his direction.

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**§ 123.10 Operation of vessel radios in conformity with treaties.**

Except as may be otherwise provided by this part, while in Panama Canal waters, vessels equipped with radio shall operate such equipment at all times in conformity with the principles and rules stipulated in the treaties or conventions to which the United States is a party.

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**§ 123.11 Radio charges.**

No receiving or relaying charges, will be imposed against ships on radiograms transmitted by ships on Canal business

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nor in the cases of dispatches involving medical assistance to ships.

**PART 125—SANITARY REQUIREMENTS: VESSEL WASTES; GARBAGE; BALLAST**

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125.1 Discharging vessel wastes into waters.

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**§ 125.1 Discharging vessel wastes into waters.**

(a) Vessels may not discharge or throw into Panama Canal waters any ballast, ashes, cinders, boxes, barrels, straw, paper, or other solid matter; nor discharge heavy slops, engine or fire room bilge water, oil, or any other matter that will tend to deface or make Canal waters unsanitary. This requirement does not apply to the water used in cooking or in cleaning tableware.

(b) Ballast tanks may not be discharged in Canal waters.

(c) Before arrival from sea at either of the terminal ports, vessels should, in a manner consistent with the requirements of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954, and all amendments thereto which are currently in force, dispose of all waste forbidden to be discharged in Canal waters.

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**§ 125.2 Handling ballast.**

Vessels wishing to unload or load ballast must have proper chutes, so arranged as to prevent ballast from falling overboard.

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**§ 125.4 Removing wastes when anchored for considerable time.**

A vessel anchored in Panama Canal waters for a considerable length of time may get rid of vessel wastes by requesting Canal authorities to place a garbage scow alongside. This service is chargeable to the vessel.

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