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- (b) Food waste may be discharged into the surrounding waters from a ship or fixed or floating platform regulated by paragraph (a) of this section if—
- (1) It is processed with a grinder or comminuter meeting the standards in \$151.75; and
- (2) That ship or fixed or floating drilling rig or platform is beyond 12 nautical miles from nearest land.

[CGD 88–002, 54 FR 18405, Apr. 28, 1989, as amended by USCG–2012–1049, 78 FR 13493, Feb. 28, 2013]

#### §151.75 Grinders or comminuters.

Each grinder or comminuter used to discharge garbage in accordance with \$151.69(b)(1), \$151.71(b)(2), or \$151.73(b)(1), must be capable of processing garbage so that it passes through a screen with openings no greater than 25 millimeters (one inch).

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## § 151.77 Exceptions for emergencies and health risks.

Sections 151.67, 151.69, 151.71, and 151.73 do not apply to the following:

- (a) Discharges of garbage from a ship necessary for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship and those on board or saving life at sea.
- (b) The accidental loss of garbage resulting from damage to a ship or its equipment, provided that all reasonable precautions have been taken before and after the occurrence of the damage, to prevent or minimize the accidental loss.
- (c) The accidental loss of fishing gear from a ship, provided all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent such loss.
- (d) The discharge of fishing gear from a ship for the protection of the marine environment or for the safety of that ship or its crew.
- (e) The en route requirements of §§151.69 and 151.71 do not apply to the discharge of food wastes when it is clear the retention on board of these food wastes present an imminent health risk to the people on board.

[USCG-2012-1049, 78 FR 13493, Feb. 28, 2013]

# § 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 telephone number: 800–424–8802, direct telephone: 202–267–2675, or Fax: 202–267–1322.

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### Subpart B—Transportation of Municipal and Commercial Waste

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### §151.1000 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to implement the permit provisions of the