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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.


§ 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).


§ 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.