



## International Catering Waste (ICW)

ICW is food waste from international transport vehicles including:

- cruise ships
- airlines
- private or commercial yachts and boats
- armed forces ships and submarines
- ferries

It includes all food waste from vessels travelling internationally and within EU territory. Food and drink are 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

Your waste will be considered ICW if your vessel leaves and travels outside the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, even if you stocked up for the entire journey in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

Food waste from vessels can only be classified domestic catering waste when:

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

As it is considered a high-risk category 1 animal by-product (ABP), MDL marinas do not provide ICW storage or disposal facilities as standard at any of its marinas.

For all vessels generating and wishing to land ICW for disposal at any MDL marina the vessel owner/agent must first request written approval from the MDL Marina Manager.

Subject to a satisfactory approval the vessel owner/agent must then make separate waste management arrangements on a 'direct contract' basis between themselves and a registered approved hazardous waste contractor suitable for ICW handling and disposal.

All waste from the vessel must be brought ashore in leak-proof bags and deposited in specially marked and designated bins, which must be delivered in advance to the vessel by the authorised waste contractor, who will receive and immediately remove the waste from the marina for disposal according to the appropriate Regulations.

Vessel owners/agents retain all responsibility for correctly identifying and disposing of ICW legally, even when contracting a company to move ICW off their vessel and following suitable disposal must provide the MDL Marina Manager with copies of relevant hazardous waste disposal documents for auditing by Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) inspectors on request.

## **Declaring waste as domestic catering waste**

Any food waste produced by your vessel while travelling within the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man will be considered domestic waste only if:

- you clean and disinfect all areas on your vessel that come into contact with food (galley, storerooms)
- any restocking is done inside the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man

and:

Prior to disposing of domestic waste, the vessel owner/agent must complete the form available at the link below and submit to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), providing copy documents to the MDL Marina Manager as a written declaration to confirm that these actions have been done.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/declaration-of-the-disposal-of-catering-waste-from-international-means-of-transport>

In England, DEFRA have produced general guidance notes for the handling and disposal of ICW landed from vessels which have visited from outside UK waters accessed via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/handling-and-disposing-of-international-catering-waste>