

Regulation of port reception facilities for ship-generated waste (Portugal)

The Decree-Law No. 165/2003 of July 24 regulates the installation and use of port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues from ships calling at national ports, in order to increase the protection of the marine environment by reducing discharges into the sea. For this purpose conditions that allow all ships to deliver their waste to port reception facilities before leaving the port are defined in accordance with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78).

This Decree-Law transposes to the Portuguese legislation the Directive 2000/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2000 amended by the Directive 2002/84/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002.

The waste reception plans and waste management system are well implemented in Portuguese ports and it makes them an active player in preventing marine litter.

Facts

Place / Location	National, Portugal
Commencement Date	2003
Duration	Ongoing
Theme	Prevention
Type of Initiative	Policy/Regulation Implementation
Initiated by	Portuguese Government
Involved Stakeholders	- Ports

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	- Ships - Waste management companies
Funding/Financial Support	No. This scheme is self-funded since port authorities collect a fee from ships to cover the costs of port reception facilities for waste generated in ships, including the costs of treatment and disposal of the waste.
Success Rate	Very Successful.
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Available documentation and further information

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