



Antigua and Barbuda

Maritime Administration

Information Notice
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SUBJECT: India Bans Plastic on Ships

REFERENCE:

- a) [DGS Order No. 05 of 2019](#) *Prohibition on use of Single Use Plastics*

TO: Ship-owners, operators, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organizations

1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Notice draws attention of all persons involved in operating vessels to the DGS Order No. 05 of 2019 prohibiting the use of single use plastics on Indian flagged ships and foreign flagged ships that call to any port, or place in India and during their passage through India's territorial waters.

The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Ministry of Shipping India has issued DGS Order No. 05 of 2019 prohibiting the use of single use plastics on Indian flagged ships and foreign flagged ships that call to any port, or place in India and during their passage through India's territorial waters.

2. SUBJECT

1. The ban takes effect in two stages as follows:

1. The following single use plastic items are prohibited with immediate effect:

1. Cutlery, plates, and cups.
2. Up to 10 litre bottles for water and other drinks.
3. Garbage and shopping bags.
4. Dispensing containers for cleaning fluids which are less than 10 litres.

2. The following single use plastic items are prohibited with effect from 1 January 2020:

1. Bags, trays, containers, food packaging film.
2. Milk bottles, freezer bags, shampoo bottles, ice cream containers.
3. Bottles for water and other drinks, dispensing containers for cleaning fluids, biscuit trays.
4. Hot drink cups, insulated food packaging, protective packaging for fragile items.
5. Microwave dishes, ice cream tubs, potato chip bags, bottle caps.

2. Enforcement

1. Single use plastic items must be securely stored prior to entering Indian territorial waters. A foreign ship intending to enter an Indian port is required to make a log entry, identifying the single use plastic items that are on board the ship, the location where stored, the time, latitude, and longitude when these items were stored.
2. Port State Control Inspectors will board foreign flag ships to ensure that single use plastics are not in use and are kept locked in a store during the ship's stay in Indian ports and during the ship's passage through the territorial waters of India.

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