



CBP Agriculture Specialists safeguard American agriculture by preventing the introduction of harmful exotic plant pests and foreign animal diseases, and potential agriculture/biological-terrorism into the United States while facilitating lawful trade and travel.



Contact Us

If you have any questions or require further information regarding the handling of Regulated International Garbage, please contact an Agriculture Specialist at:



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

Service Port of Providence
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For an Agriculture Specialist

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Regulated Garbage

Pleasure Craft



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

Where's your garbage going?

Has your vessel been to a foreign port/place outside the continental United States or Canada in the last 24 months?

Has your ship been to a port/place in any U.S. territory or possession in the last 24 months?

Hawaii, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, or Republic of Palau.

If you answered "YES" to either question, your food stores and generated garbage may be in a regulated status.

USDA/APHIS regulations will require the disposal of all garbage and regulated items, regardless of where your stores and provisions were purchased.

What does this mean?

If you answered "YES," please ensure that all garbage is placed in covered, leak-proof containers within the vessel railing while in U.S. waters.

If you plan to off-load your garbage, please contact an Agriculture Specialist to confirm your vessels regulatory status.

Disposal of regulated garbage into a domestic garbage container is prohibited.

To protect against the introduction of exotic animal and plant pests and diseases, the importation of garbage from all countries except Canada is prohibited. This includes regulated un-consumed foods/scraps, packaging materials, and any items that have come into contact with that material.

Garbage must be handled by an APHIS approved facility that is capable of incinerating or sterilizing the garbage.

Dumping of regulated garbage into U.S. territorial waters or domestic garbage receptacles is illegal, and under Federal law, you can be penalized or criminally prosecuted for such actions.



Codes of Federal Regulation

Title 7 CFR 330.400 – 330.403

Title 9 CFR 94.5

Options

Purge & Disinfect

1. Contact your local CBP office. (Agriculture Department)
2. Request contact information for approved garbage haulers.
3. Schedule the delivery of regulated waste dumpster.
4. Schedule an appointment with a CBP Agriculture Specialist.
5. All regulated items must be removed from the vessel.
regardless of origin all garbage, meat, dairy products, fresh eggs, fresh fruit, and vegetables
(All provisions are subject to inspection.)
6. All areas which previously held regulated items must be cleaned and disinfected.
7. A vessel inspection report will be issued documenting a regulated garbage off-load, purge/disinfect, and granting domestic status.

Garbage Off-Load

1. As above, repeat steps 1 – 4.
2. **Only regulated garbage will be authorized for removal.**
3. All regulated food stores and provisions remain on-board.
4. Vessel remains in a regulated status.

No Action

1. **All regulated items (garbage, food stores, & provisions) are to remain on-board and maintained according to federal regulations while in U.S. waters.**
2. Vessel remains in a regulated status.