Associated British Ports Lowestoft

Local Notice to Mariners No 5 2006

Ships International Catering Waste (ICW)

ICW is defined as "catering waste, including galley waste and waste food, landed from a ship that has operated outside the EU." If a vessel has recently been outside the EU, then galley waste is regarded as ICW unless the Master declares that the stores have been properly disinfected and restocked in the EU. The only way for galley waste not to be classed as ICW is for the Master to sign a declaration to this effect.

From the 1st May 2006 in line with DEFRA guidance, ABP Lowestoft will no longer provide facilities for the removal of ICW. The landing and disposal of ICW will be a direct contract with the Master / Agent and disposal contractor. It is the responsibility of the Master to declare galley waste as ICW, which should be classified as EWC code 20 01 08, biodegradable/ canteen kitchen waste.

Harbour Master

25th April 2006