

Frequently asked question:

Prohibition on use Single Use Plastic: DGS Order 5 of 2019 and Addendum No. 1 to said Order

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1.	My vessel is using various sizes of single use plastic bags. Will plastic bags irrespective of sizes will be counted as a single SUP item?
<u>Answer</u>	Yes, plastic bags irrespective of size will be considered as only one Single Use Plastic item.

2.	<p>The SIP is to include a list of all single-use-plastic on board with the exception of those exempted from the definition. The list will need to be separated into three groups which will represent a prohibition sequence as follows:</p> <p>List A – 50% of the total list of SUPs identified in the SIP that are to be prohibited from being on board by 1 April 2020.</p> <p>List B – 75% of the total list of SUPs identified in the SIP that are to be prohibited from being on board by 1 July 2020.</p> <p>List C – 90% of the total list of SUPs identified in the SIP that are to be prohibited from being on board by 1 October 2020.</p> <p>The remaining 10% of SUPs on board after 1 October 2020 will be comprised of those excluded from the SUP definition.</p> <p>Q1: Should the list include the number of each material? For example, onboard the ship there are 20 plastic bags of one use, 100 plastic straws.</p> <p>Q2: In the above definition of the A, B, and C lists, there is the phrase “prohibition from being onboard”. Does it mean that these materials are</p>
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	<p>prohibited to be onboard the vessel or does it mean that their use is prohibited during vessels' stay in Indian waters?</p> <p>Q3: Are the materials that should be included in the list A, B and C ship specific or should each company develop its own A,B and C lists</p>
<u>Answer</u>	<p>Ans1: No there is neither a need to identify and nor to list number of each SUP items on board.</p> <p>Ans 2: The phrase " Prohibition from being onboard" means the following: Foreign Flagged- ships while at a place or port in India: These ships are not allowed to use prohibited items while at a place or port in India. However, these items are allowed to be there on board such vessels provided kept stored at identified locations. Indian Flagged-Ships: These ships are not allowed to have such items on board.</p> <p>Ans 3: Each ship should have a ship specific list.</p>

3.	<p>What does 10% mean? Does it mean 10% of the different types of SUP on board or 10% of total quantity spread over the different types? How is the % to be calculated? Does it mean a percentage of the number of items or volume or weight? Weight of course would be the more accurate measure. However, implementing this requirement to any degree of accuracy will be difficult.</p>
<u>Answer</u>	<p>10% is based on number of SUP items and not on total quantities. All plastic bags irrespective of their size shall be considered consisting of one item and it goes for say other items like plastic bottles.</p>

4.	<p>Biodegradable plastic with a certificate from the manufacturer' – we find it highly unlikely that all biodegradable plastic will be issued with a certificate. It is probably just poor choice of words and it should be changed to 'Biodegradable plastic with a stamp, marking or certificate from the manufacturer' or something similar.</p>
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