



DAFF Maritime Waste Recycling Pilot (DMWRP)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Segregation and Contamination

<p>Is it possible to recycle other waste items that aren't listed in the guideline?</p>	<p>NO. The guideline has established the approved types of waste for recycling that can be managed to reduce biosecurity risk. The department is actively exploring opportunities to reduce biosecurity waste.</p>
<p>If I have milk and honey with my coffee, is the cup I use still considered a biosecurity risk?</p>	<p>YES. Any recyclable material that has been exposed to dairy products or honey must be classified as biosecurity waste and be disposed of appropriately. We request you do not include coffee cups with recyclable waste.</p>
<p>If I place cardboard that has been contaminated with biological material in with cardboard recycling, can I remove the contaminated cardboard to the appropriate section upon realising the mistake?</p>	<p>NO. If there is any cross-contamination between recyclable cardboard and cardboard that has been exposed to biological material, the entire recyclable section must be disposed of as biosecurity waste.</p>
<p>Our menu includes pork meals. Can containers used for storage, that have been in contact with pork or other meat and seafood products be recycled?</p>	<p>NO. All meats (such as pork, beef, chicken, duck etc) & seafood products can pose a significant biosecurity risk to Australia. Any recyclable material that has contact with meat products must be managed as biosecurity waste</p>
<p>Within our vessel, we crush aluminium cans and tins together with other kitchen metals, can we still recycle the aluminium and tins?</p>	<p>NO. For the materials to be considered recyclable, you must ensure onboard processes clean and segregate each recyclable item throughout its handling and storage before it is presented to a biosecurity officer for inspection.</p>
<p>Is cleaning the recyclable materials with hot water necessary? How much of a risk can dirty items cause?</p>	<p>YES. The cleaning protocol reduces the biosecurity risk. During inspection, goods that are found to be contaminated will be directed for disposal as biosecurity waste.</p>



Operational

Can I discharge waste for recycling at any Australian port?	NO. Approved waste for recycling can only be discharged, after inspection by a biosecurity officer, at participating First Point of Arrival ports.
I have already discharged recycling at our first point of entry, can I also discharge recycling at a subsequent port?	YES. However, waste for recycling is only available at select ports. See our webpage for participating ports. Inspection is subject to biosecurity officer availability.
How long does the inspection take?	During the trial, recyclable waste inspections averaged 23 minutes when the vessel complied with the cleanliness and segregation measures.
How do I notify the biosecurity officer at the port that I have recyclable waste to be inspected and verified?	Via the vessels Pre-Arrival Report (PAR) or a "Waste Discharge Request" through the Maritime & Aircraft Reporting System (MARS) before arriving at the first point of entry.
We already have onboard cleaning and segregation measures to manage the vessels waste with limited space available onboard. Will we have to implement any significant changes to our current processes?	NO. The DMWRP cleaning and segregation guidelines have been designed to complement current measures already implemented by vessels, some additional space may be required to segregate the recyclable waste into the required individual categories.
Once approved for release, does my recycling need to be collected by an Approved Arrangement provider?	No. The recycling has been inspected and released by a biosecurity officer.
Can my existing waste Approved Arrangement provider also handle my recycling?	Yes, however it is a decision for the service provider. Recycling is not handled under an approved arrangement.



<p>We have an existing Approved Arrangement with a waste provider who has advised that they don't have the resources for recycling. Is it possible to still be included in the DMWRP?</p>	<p>YES. You will need to arrange a recycling waste collection operator.</p>
<p>Why do I need an existing Approved Arrangement waste provider if I am only discharging recycling?</p>	<p>During the inspection, if a Biosecurity Officer detects contamination or other risk material, the goods are no longer eligible for recycling and are deemed to be biosecurity waste.</p>
<p>Can my recycling go in the same truck as my biosecurity waste?</p>	<p>Yes, however measures are required to ensure recycling is transported in a manner that prevents cross contamination with biosecurity waste.</p>