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**Chapter Ag 16**

**REFUSE AND DUNNAGE DISPOSAL AT GREAT LAKE PORTS**

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**History:** Chapter Ag 16 as it existed on June 30, 1968 was repealed and a new chapter Ag 16 was created effective July 1, 1968.

**Ag 16.01 Definitions.** (1) "Refuse" means any waste material containing any plant or animal matter.

(2) "Vessel" means any ship used in transporting cargo or passengers in commerce arriving at any Wisconsin ports on Lake Superior or Lake Michigan from any place outside the continental United States.

(3) "Dunnage" means wood or fiber in any form, or any other material used aboard a ship to secure or protect cargo in any manner.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1968, No. 150, eff. 7-1-68; am. (1), Register, June, 1973, No. 210, eff. 7-1-73.

**Ag 16.02 Prohibitions.** No person shall transport refuse or dunnage from a vessel into this state except in accordance with provisions of this chapter.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1968, No. 150, eff. 7-1-68.

**Ag 16.03 Registration.** No person shall engage in the business of removing refuse or dunnage from vessels without registering with the department and furnishing such information as may be required concerning the collection and disposal of such materials. The incinerator, incinerator site, and refuse and dunnage collection equipment shall be inspected by the department at time of registration and periodically thereafter. If adequate facilities and equipment are maintained and the business operation otherwise conforms to the requirements of this chapter, a certificate of approval shall be issued at time of registration. The certificate may be revoked at any time for continued or repeated violations of these rules. This section shall not apply to municipalities or any subdivision of this state.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1968, No. 150, eff. 7-1-68.

**Ag 16.04 Disposal facilities and procedures.** (1) Containers used for unloading and transporting refuse or dunnage shall be leakproof and equipped with firm-fitting covers. Containers shall be kept covered while being used for transporting refuse or dunnage material.

(2) Vehicles used for transporting refuse or dunnage shall be leakproof and the bed or body shall be completely enclosed or covered with a tarpaulin or other suitable covering material when in use.

(3) Refuse disposal shall be by means of incineration only. Incinerators shall be equipped, constructed, and operated so as to completely reduce refuse and dunnage to ash.

(4) Refuse shall be transported directly to an incinerator for immediate incineration. In no event shall refuse or dunnage be stored in the incinerator for more than 24 hours before it is incinerated.

(5) The immediate incinerator premises where refuse is handled shall be paved with an impervious material. A catch basin of sufficient size and capacity shall be provided around the incinerator to prevent excess water from draining off the premises.

(6) Vehicles and containers used to transport refuse or dunnage shall be kept clean and subjected regularly to an effective sanitizing treatment approved by the department.

(7) Refuse and dunnage shall be handled at all times in a manner which will prevent spillage.

(8) No residue shall be removed from an incinerator for disposal unless it has been reduced to ash or slag.

(9) Unless other treatment or disposal is approved by the department, all refuse and dunnage removed from a vessel shall be transported directly to an incinerator for immediate incineration.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1968, No. 150, eff. 7-1-68; am. (9), Register, June, 1973, No. 210, eff. 7-1-73.