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Dear Sir/Madam

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of a change, as a result of EU exit, in how food waste from planes, vehicles, ships and other vessels (including small private boats and yachts) must be stored and disposed of. The change is effective from the 1st January 2021.

Prior to 1st January 2021, food waste from planes, vehicles, ships and other vessels travelling from Great Britain was classed as domestic catering waste as GB was considered to be part of the EU territory.

Now that GB is outside the EU territory, the food waste can no longer be classified as domestic catering waste.

From 1st January 2021, in accordance with the Northern Ireland protocol, food waste from planes, vehicles and ships and other vessels (including small private boats and yachts) travelling from Great Britain to Northern Ireland will be classified as International Catering Waste (ICW) by the EU.

This will require changes in how ports, marinas, and airports manage the storage and disposal of the food waste.

The guidance note attached provides the information on how to store and dispose of International Catering Waste (ICW)

Should you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely ,

Lindsay Best
Portal Branch Senior Inspector

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