

Iron, Steel Scrap & Shipbreakers Association of India
The Indian Ship Breakers Association
All Ship Breakers.

Sirs,

**Sub: Pollution in the sea due to ship
Breaking activities –
Ban on ship breaking of 'Reefer
vessels' and 'Fishing trawlers'.**

Several complaints have been received that the waste material such as thermocol pieces, glasswool, wooden planks as well waste oil are thrown into the sea during ship breaking. Resultantly, there is water pollution affecting the marine life.

2. It is observed that the problem is predominantly due to breaking of fishing trawlers and reefer vessels. Hence, it is decided that henceforth, breaking will not be permitted for 'reefer vessels' and 'fishing trawlers', which normally have large quantity of thermocol, glasswool, etc.

3. Further, permission for ship breaking is given to ship breakers subject to condition that the ship breaker will provide booms along the entire shipside throughout the tenure of ship breaking and prevent the escape of ship waste into the harbour waters. However, it has been noticed that ship breakers are not providing booms surrounding their ships.

4. The ship breakers are hereby directed to provide booms along the entire shipside throughout the ship breaking and that utmost care should be taken to avoid marine and air pollution. It should be ensured that waste material including waste oil is not thrown into the sea but properly packed and sent to the disposal units notified by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, failing which stern action will be taken against defaulters.

Yours faithfully,

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