		time of institution of proceedings was force	
		majeure	
Reg. 5	Disposal of any garbage from a ship into the sea within any Special Area	Disposal of food waste from a ship into the sea within any Special Area (except the Antarctic) is permitted as long as such disposal is done not less than 12 miles from the nearest land	Manager of the Vessel, the Demise Charterer
		Where the Accused can demonstrate that  (i) all reasonable steps and due diligence were exercised to ensure compliance with the regulations  (ii) the disposal was vital to protect the vessel/installation or to protect life at sea  (iii) the escape of garbage emanated from damage to the vessel/installation or its equipment and that all precautions were taken before and after the damage to prevent the escape of garbage  (iv) where the offence concerns the disposal of synthetic fishing nets or incidental materials, the ability to prove that such disposal was accidental and that the necessary precautions were taken to prevent the occurrence  (v) that the offending ship is not a Nigerian ship (vi) that the offence occurred outside Nigerian waters  that the only reason the ship was in Nigeria at the time of institution of proceedings was force	
		majeure	
Reg.6	Disposal of any garbage into the sea	Where the food waste has been ground to the	Liability is borne by the Installation owner and