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A recent article in the Danish local magazine, Fanø Ugeblad, highlights a recent paraffin contamination close to Danish waters off Denmark’s West Coast. The article also points out that the International Maritime Organisation does not prohibit the dumping of paraffin into the sea, as long as it does not happen within the 12-mile limit. In accordance with Directive 2008/56/EC of 17 June 2008, the EU generally prohibits pollution of the marine environment, but does not specifically mention paraffin pollution.

Does that mean that pouring paraffin into the sea is allowed, as the article describes?

If the releasing of paraffin is not prohibited in the EU beyond the 12-mile limit, can anything be done to stop it anyway?