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## **IMO tanks, Portable Tanks, Road Tank Vehicles and Rail Tank Wagons for the Carriage by Sea of Dangerous Goods as Solids, Liquids, or Liquefied Gases**

**Notice to all operators, shipowners, masters, tank manufacturers and inspection bodies, hauliers, freight forwarders, consignors of dangerous goods**

*This notice supersedes Merchant Shipping Notice MSN1705*

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### **Summary**

This Merchant Shipping Notice is an integral part of the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997. It replaces Merchant Shipping Notice MSN1705 and sets the requirements for IMO tanks, portable tanks, road tank vehicles and rail tank wagons for the carriage by sea of dangerous goods as solids, liquids, or liquefied gases.

The provisions for IMO tanks, portable tanks, road tank vehicles and rail tank wagons to be used for the transport of dangerous goods by sea is given in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code as amended. This MSN addresses the change in arrangements for the appointment and administration of the inspection bodies.

### **1. Applicability**

1.1 This information is addressed to those concerned with the design, construction and testing of tanks but it is of equal importance to consignors since it is the responsibility of the consignor under the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997 to use a tank suitable for the carriage of dangerous substances.

### **2. Background**

2.1 This MSN has been produced as a result of a policy decision to create a single point of contact within the Department for Transport for the approval of tank inspection bodies, in order to reduce duplication of effort by and additional burden upon industry.



### 3. Inspection body appointments

3.1 This notice enters into force from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and from that date the appointment of inspection bodies for the approval and inspection of tanks for the carriage of dangerous goods by sea will be the responsibility of the VCA Dangerous Goods Office<sup>1</sup> acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport.

Approvals include:

- Portable tanks (6.7)
- Road and rail tank wagons (6.8), and
- IMO portable tanks<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> IMO type portable tanks and road tank vehicles certified and approved prior to 1 January 2003 in accordance with the provisions of the IMDG Code in force on 1 July 1999 (amendment 29) may continue to be used provided that they are found to meet the applicable periodic inspections and test provisions.(Paragraph 4.2.0 of the IMDG Code) see DSC Circ 12 (as amended).

