



SOLID BULK CARGOES - Guidelines for the submission of information and completion of the format for the properties of cargoes not listed in the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code and their conditions of carriage - MSC.1/Circ.1453

Notice to all ship owners, ship operators, terminal operators, port authorities, classification societies, agents, charterers, shippers, consignors, masters and all other parties involved in the transport of solid bulk cargoes by sea.

Summary

The purpose of this Marine Guidance Note is to advise industry of Guidelines by the International Maritime Organization on the details required by Competent Authorities in order for them to apply to IMO for cargoes not listed in the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code to be incorporated into appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code.

1. Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 Shippers of solid bulk cargoes intended for carriage and which are not listed in appendix 1 of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, are required, prior to loading, to provide the Competent Authority of the port of loading with the characteristics and properties of the cargo in accordance with Section 4 of the Code. Based on the information provided, the Competent Authority of the port of loading will assess the acceptability of the cargo for safe shipment and provide to the master a certificate stating the characteristics of the cargo and the required conditions for carriage and handling of that shipment.
- 1.2 On receipt of the information, the Competent Authority of the State of the port of loading will submit an application to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) within one year of the certificate being issued, for the cargo to be included in appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code. This application will be based upon the information provided and taking into account the IMO Guidelines and the format for submission.



2 Implementation

- 2.1 Mandatory entry into force date of these guidelines is 1 January 2015. Operators are advised to implement these guidelines as soon as possible after 1 January 2014 on a voluntary basis.

3 Contact

- 3.1 The contact details for the United Kingdom competent authority are:
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