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## **The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants in Packaged Form: Amendment 36-12 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code**

Notice to all Owners, Ship Operators and Managers, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships, Agents, Charterers, Cargo Packers, Cargo Consolidators, Hauliers, Freight Forwarders, Shippers, Consignors, Training Providers, Inspectors of Cargoes, Port Authorities and Terminal Operators and others involved in the transport of dangerous goods by sea.

*This notice takes effect from 1st January 2013 and replaces MSN 1828 (M)*

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### **Summary**

- This MSN is for the transport of dangerous goods and marine pollutants in packaged form by sea on ships within United Kingdom waters and on United Kingdom ships wherever they may be. The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997 and the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004 are amended to incorporate the 36<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the IMDG Code in accordance with the internationally agreed date of 1 January 2014.
- This Merchant Shipping Notice is an integral part of the above mentioned Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997 and the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004 as amended.

### **1. Introduction**

1.1. All persons involved in the transport and preparation for transport of dangerous goods under the provisions of the IMDG Code must comply with the changes brought about by the amendment.

### **2. Transitional Arrangements**

2.1. Amendment 36-12 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code has been approved and adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and will enter into force internationally on 1 January 2013, with a twelve month "transitional period" until 31 December 2013.

2.2. From 1 January 2013 until 31 December 2013 dangerous goods and marine pollutants in packaged form shall be shipped either:

- in accordance with the mandatory IMDG Code 2010 Edition incorporating Amendment 35-10; or
- in accordance with the IMDG Code 2012 Edition incorporating Amendment 36-12.

### **3. Arrangements from 1 January 2014**

3.1. From 1 January 2014 dangerous goods and marine pollutants in packaged form shall be shipped only in accordance with the IMDG Code 2012 Edition incorporating Amendment 36-12.

3.2. The final form of the 2012 Edition comprises two volumes. This edition of the Code incorporates changes made in UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations 17th revised edition.

3.3. The IMDG Code 2012 Edition incorporating Amendment 36 (ISBN 978-92-801-1561-1 (IMO sales number II200E)) is available from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.

3.4. The Secretary of State considers the IMDG Code 2012 Edition incorporating Amendment 36-12 to be relevant for the purpose of the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997 and the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004 as amended. Therefore, the Amendment shall take effect on 1 January 2014. Accordingly, references to the IMDG Code in those regulations on or after that date are construed as references to the Code as so amended.

### **4. Supplement**

4.1. MSC.1/Circ.1438 (dated 25 May 2012), Amendments to the Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS Guide) (available via MCA website), gives the consequential amendments to the 2010 edition of the IMDG Code Supplement and will come into force on the same basis as amendment 36-12 of the IMDG Code.

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