



CARGO STOWAGE AND SECURING - Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code) - Application of Annex 14

Notice to all shipowners, ship operators, terminal operators, port authorities, classification societies, masters, officers and crews of merchant ships, and all other parties concerned.

*This notice should be read with MIN 439 (M)
This MIN expires 31 July 2015*

Summary

This Marine Information Note advises industry of the implementation dates for new and existing containerships to comply with the provisions of the new Annex 14 of the CSS Code.

1. Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 Marine Information Note 439 (M) which was issued in August 2012, advised of a new Annex 14, "Guidance on Providing Safe Working Conditions for Securing of Containers on Deck", to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS) Code, MSC.1/Circ.1352.
- 1.2 It also advised about the Revised Guidelines for the preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual, MSC.1/Circ.1353. These Guidelines are based on the provisions contained in Appendix 2 of the CSS Code but have been expanded to include safe access for lashing of containers.

2. Annex 14 – Guidance on Providing Safe Working Conditions for Securing of Containers on Deck

- 2.1 The aim of the new Annex 14 is to ensure that persons engaged in carrying out container securing operations on deck have safe working conditions and in particular, safe access, appropriate securing equipment and safe places of work.
- 2.2 New ships, the keels of which are laid on or after 1 January 2015, shall fully comply with the revised CSS Code.



2.3 Existing ships, the keels of which were laid or which are at a similar stage of construction before 1 January 2015, shall comply with Section 4.4 (Training and familiarisation), Section 7.1 (Introduction), Section 7.3 (Maintenance), and Section 8 (Specialised container safety design) of Annex 14 of the CSS Code.

2.4 Existing ships shall apply the principles of the guidance contained in section 6 (Design) and 7.2 (Operational procedures) as far as practical.

2.5 Existing ships shall comply by 1 January 2015.

3. Cargo Securing Manuals (CSMs)

3.1 CSMs of new ships should apply in entirety the revised guidelines in MSC.1/Circ.1353 and the revised CSS Code, and shall be approved by the administration.

3.2 CSMs of existing containerhips previously approved to MSC Circ.745 shall be revised explicitly to apply guidelines contained in chapters 1 to 4 of MSC.1/Circ.1353 and applicable sections of Annex 14 to the revised CSS Code.

3.3 Revised CSMs (or addendums to previously approved CSMs) of existing containerhips shall be approved by the administration by 1 January 2015.

4. Interpretation

4.1 Reference to containerhips means dedicated containerhips and those parts of other ships for which arrangements are specifically designed and fitted for the purpose of carrying containers on deck.

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