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Subject: **MANDATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE**

The IMSBC Code adopted by Res.MSC.268(85), which is effective from 1 January 2011, that all ships carrying solid bulk cargoes shall be in compliance with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) on or after 1 January 2011.

All ships carrying solid bulk cargoes in general and dangerous solid bulk cargoes in particular will be required to comply with the new IMSBC Code, irrespective of their keel-laying date or gross tonnage.

The existing BC Code certificates shall be replaced with IMSBC Code certificates.

The Code has undergone many changes, including:

1. Fully updated individual schedules for solid bulk cargoes;
2. New individual schedules for such cargoes as spent cathodes and granulated tyre rubber;
3. New provisions about sulphur;
4. References to the most recent amendments to SOLAS;

Reference Information:

1. IMO(2008), "Resolution MSC.268(85) – Adoption of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code". International Maritime Organization, 2008.
2. IMO(2009), "International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes and supplement (IMSBC) Code". International Maritime Organization, 2009. ISBN: 978-92-8014239-6