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IMSBC CODE AMENDMENTS

(ISC Circular No.10.R0)

Notice

Attention to all Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Auditors / Surveyors / DPAs / Ship's Masters

Purpose

This Circular is issued to advise the updates of the International Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, which has been applicable on a voluntary basis since 1 January 2024, will enter into force on 1 January 2025.

Contents

These include, but are not limited to, the following changes:

1. The shippers are now required to declare the “bulk density” of cargo, as required by SOLAS Chapter XII Reg. 10 (MSC.1/Circ.1664).
2. The following changes have been affected in Appendix 1 (individual schedule of solid bulk cargoes):
 - New cargo entries

Bulk cargo shipping name (BCSN)	Group	Hazard
BARYTE, FLOTATION CHEMICAL GRADE	A	
BROWN FUSED ALUMINA	C	
CRUSHED GRANODIORITE FINES	A	
DIRECT REDUCED IRON (D) (By-product fines with a content of at least 2%)	A & B	MHB (WF &/or SH)
DUNITE	C	
DUNITE FINES	A	
ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE DUST, PELLETIZED	A & B	MHB (TX & CR)
GROUND GRANULATED BLAST FURNACE SLAG POWDER	A	
MAGNESITE FINES	A	
POTASSIUM NITRATE	C	
SODIUM NITRATE	C	
SODIUM NITRATE AND POTASSIUM NITRATE MIXTURE	C	
CELESTINE CONCENTRATE (under Mineral Concentrates schedule)	A	
FISH MEAL (FISH SCRAP), STABILIZED ANTI-OXIDANT TREATED	B	MHB (SH)



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3. Deleted cargoes from the solid bulk cargo list:

Bulk cargo shipping name (BCSN)	Group	Hazard
FISH MEAL (FISH SCRAP), STABILIZED UN 2216 ANTI-OXIDANT TREATED	B	This cargo has effectively been re-classified from Class 9 dangerous goods to an MHB cargo. The IMSBC Code carriage requirements remain the same, but ships will no longer require a dangerous goods certificate to carry the cargo.

4. The list of non-cohesive cargoes (Appendix 3 of the IMSBC Code) has been amended to include the following cargoes:

- BARYTE, FLOTATION CHEMICAL GRADE
- CRUSHED GRANODIORITE FINES
- DUNITE
- DUNITE FINES
- ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE DUST, PELLETIZED
- POTASSIUM NITRATE
- SODIUM NITRATE
- SODIUM NITRATE AND POTASSIUM NITRATE MIXTURE
- SUPERPHOSPHATE

This means that the angle of repose for the above cargoes must be determined prior to loading so that the relevant trimming provisions under section 5 of the IMSBC Code are applied accordingly.

5. The list of Solid Bulk Cargoes for which a Fixed Has Fire Extinguishing System may be exempted has been updated to its 6th revision to include the new cargo “ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE DUST, PELLETIZED” that can be exempted from having a fixed CO2 fire-fighting installation on board ships (MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.6).

Action

Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Auditors / Surveyors / DPAs / Ship’s Masters who are involved in transporting solid bulk cargoes are recommended to ensure compliance with the latest IMSBC Code amendments.

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