

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 2 OF 2009**

### **(Statutory Requirement & Related Information)**

#### **2008 Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and its Supplement**

Notice is hereby given that the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted, by Resolution MSC.262(84) on 16 May 2008, the amendments to the IMDG Code and the Revised Emergency Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS Guide) in the IMDG Code Supplement. The 2008 Amendments to the IMDG Code, among others, include :

- New provisions for entities engaging shore-based personnel in the transport of dangerous goods intended to be transported by sea to determine which staff will be trained, what levels of training they require and the training methods used to enable them to comply with the provisions of the IMDG Code;
- Revised list of currently assigned organic peroxide in packagings;
- Complete re-write of chapter on Class 7 – Radioactive materials, together with addition of new general provisions for such materials;
- New criteria for classification of environmentally hazardous substances;
- Re-write of chapter on Marine Pollutants;
- Stowage of persulphates under UN Nos. 1492 and 1505 need not be separated from AMMONIUM PERSULPHATE (UN 1444);
- New Special Provisions for the transport of cell and batteries;
- New provisions for the transport of dangerous goods packed in excepted quantities;
- Amendments to the list of packing instructions;
- Additional requirements for the construction of pressure receptacles for acetylene;
- New provisions for marking and testing of packagings for class 6.2 infectious substances of category A;
- New provisions for vibration test for intermediate bulk containers (IBCs);
- In the Dangerous Goods Lists, a new symbol “P” is used to denote that the dangerous good is also a marine pollutant as determined from a non-exhaustive list of known marine pollutants, based on previous criteria and assignment;
- Addition of a number of new entries of dangerous goods such as “SIGNALS, DISTRESS ship” and “ENGINE, INTERNAL COMBUSTION or VEHICLE, FLAMMABLE GAS POWERED or VEHICLE, FLAMMABLE LIQUID POWERED”; and
- Updating the contact information for the main designated national competent authorities.

2. The 2008 Amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2010 unless there are objections from a sufficient number of Contracting Governments before 1 July 2009. However, as stated in Resolution MSC.262(84), the 2008 Amendments may be applied in whole or in part on a voluntary basis as from 1 January 2009.

3. The details of the 2008 Amendments and the amendments to the EmS are contained in Resolution MSC.262(84) and Circular MSC.1/Circ.1262 respectively, which are available at the Marine Department's website as follows:

[www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/pdf/msin0826anx1.pdf](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/pdf/msin0826anx1.pdf)

[www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/pdf/msin0826anx2.pdf](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/pdf/msin0826anx2.pdf)

4. Masters, owners, agents and operators are required to note the amendments and act accordingly.

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