



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code)

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.551(108) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (the "IGF Code") relating to regulations pertaining to specific requirements for ships using natural gas as fuel, bunkering operations and manufacture and testing for the fuel containment system. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 108th session adopted the resolution MSC.551(108) on 23 May 2024 to amend the IGF Code. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.

2. Numerous amendments to the IGF Code are adopted that include, but are not limited to: -

<u>Part/Reg.</u>	<u>Matters of concern</u>
A-1/5.12.1, 6.9.1.1, 9.8.1, 9.8.2, 9.8.4 C-1/18.4.1.1.1	delivery pressure and a vessel's bunkering line design pressure
A-1/7.3.2	general pipe design on the wall thickness
A-1/8.4	bunkering manifolds
A-1/9.3.1	failure of the fuel supply essential auxiliaries and acceptance of a partial reduction in propulsion capability

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A-1/6.7.3.1.1, 9.6, 9.6.1, 9.4.7, 11.6.2 and 12.5	venting, pressure relief and ventilation requirements
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A-1/15.4.1	level indicators for liquefied gas fuel tanks
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3. The details of IMO resolution MSC.551(108) can be found on the website of the Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/legislation/notices/msin/index.html>) as attachment to this Information Note.

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are reminded to note the above amendments and act accordingly.

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