



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (Resolution MSC.23(59))

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MSC.552(108) and to advise the parties concerned of the amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (the "Grain Code") which 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.552(108) on 23 May 2024 to amend the Grain Code. A new class of loading conditions for special compartments, which are defined as "*especially suitable compartment, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed*" is introduced. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2026.
2. The details of IMO resolution MSC.552(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.
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to take note of these amendments and act accordingly.

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