



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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Subject : Changes in the certificate issuance system related to the transportation of solid bulk cargoes

Recently, Korean Register (herein after referred to as KR) carried out improvement work on the certificate issuance system¹ to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of issuing various certificates related to the transportation of solid bulk cargoes.

As a result, we would like to inform you that the entries of various convention certificates (i.e. IMSBC SOC², CDG DOC³, and SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA⁴) related to the transportation of solid bulk cargoes will be modified as detailed in the ensuing paragraphs. These changes will apply to the certificates issued, renewed or reissued on or after **28th Dec. 2022**.

However, please note that ship's condition and/or transportable cargoes, to which existing certificates have guaranteed, are generally deemed maintained (except for solid bulk cargoes not specified in the IMSBC Code), as the measures in this Technical Information have arisen from the improvement of our certificate issuance system.

1. Consolidation of solid bulk cargo names on IMSBC SOC and CDG DOC

Appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code specifies the individual schedules of approximately 200 cargoes based on the Bulk Cargo Shipping Name (hereinafter referred to as BCSN), while Appendix 4 of the Code lists approximately 400 cargo names containing commonly used cargo names and their corresponding BCSN.

IMSBC SOC and CDG DOC issued so far by KR respectively list solid bulk cargoes and solid dangerous goods in bulk permitted for transport based on the cargo names listed on Appendix 4 of the IMSBC Code, and occasionally include some cargoes not prescribed under the IMSBC Code at the request of ship

¹ KR OASIS

² Statement of Compliance with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code

³ Document of compliance with special requirements for ships carrying dangerous goods

⁴ Fixed Fire-Extinguishing Arrangement

owners/operators. However, such a certificate issuance system has not uniformly indicated transportable cargoes by using BCSN, which could lead to unnecessary controversy or hinder the efficiency and accuracy of certificate issuance.

In light of the above, KR decided to unify the use of cargo names listed in IMSBC SOC and CDG DOC, as shown below:

As-is	To-be
Cargo names listed in Appendix 4 of the IMSBC Code; and Cargo names not prescribed under the IMSBC Code	Bulk Cargo Shipping Names (BCSN) listed in Appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code (NB: Cargoes names not prescribed under the IMSBC Code are to be deleted from related certificates, taking into account section 1.3 of the IMSBC Code ⁵)

Accordingly, the names of transportable cargoes listed in IMSBC SOC and CDG DOC issued by KR will be dealt with, as categorized below. For more details, please refer to Attachment No.1.

	Transportable cargoes listed in IMSBC SOC and CDG DOC	Action Plan
Case 1	A cargo name corresponds to BCSN in Appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code	To be retained as it is
Case 2	A cargo name is included in Appendix 4 of the IMSBC Code, but does not correspond to BCSN in Appendix 1 of the Code	To be modified to the corresponding BCSN in Appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code
Case 3	A cargo name does not correspond to the one in Appendices 1 and 4 of the IMSBC Code (i.e. cargoes not prescribed under the IMSBC Code)	To be deleted ⁵

2. Notes annotated to IMSBC SOC

While IMSBC SOC certifies that a vessel's arrangements, installations, equipment, etc. are fit for transporting certain solid bulk cargoes, a ship additionally needs to comply with the operational requirements in the IMSBC Code. In this regard, the IMSBC SOC issued by KR may include some restrictions for the transportation of specific cargoes as notes. Through the improvement work on the certificate issuance system at this time, the notes annotated to IMSBC SOC are to be standardized as shown in Attachment No. 2. Nonetheless, please note that other notes may be entered in IMSBC SOC, as necessary, in addition to Attachment 2.

⁵ Cargoes not listed in the IMSBC Code, in principle, may not be included in IMSBC SOC and CDG DOC respectively as transportable solid bulk cargoes and solid dangerous goods in bulk. Such cargoes may be transported upon the series of actions as per section 1.3 of the IMSBC Code, and a certificate issued by the competent authority of the loading port shall be provided to the master.

3. Modified format of SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA

In accordance with SOLAS II-2/10.7.1.4, fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems required for cargo spaces may be exempted where only cargoes with low fire risk⁶ are transported. In such cases, SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA needs to be issued together with a related cargo list. In this regard and as part of the improvement work at this time, the cargo list annexed to SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA will be modified, as shown in Attachment 3 and as follows, to reduce any inadvertent errors in the certificate.

As-is	To-be
The cargo list annexed to SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA is restricted to only contain the cargoes, that ship is permitted to carry, and which is also contained in table 1 ⁷ of annex to MSC.1/Circ.1395, as amended.	The cargo list annexed to SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA contains all solid bulk cargoes identified in table 1 ⁷ of annex to MSC.1/Circ.1395, as amended.

Nonetheless, the aforementioned action should not be construed as allowing the transport of all cargoes listed in annex to SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA.

4. Actions requested of concerned parties

Attending KR surveyors are requested to, in consultation with shipowners/operators and as per the improved certificate issuance system, **issue** IMSBC SOC, CDG DOC and/or SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA⁸, as relevant, on or after **28th Dec. 2022** but no later than the **first renewal survey** thereafter; or **re-issue** them, as relevant, where necessary for any other occasions.

Where **shipowners/operators** wish to renew IMSBC SOC, CDG DOC and/or SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA on a voluntary basis on or after **28th Dec. 2022**, please request the reissuance by submitting related survey application⁹. (End)

⁶ Refer to MSC.1/Circ.1395, as amended

⁷ Table 1 of annex to MSC.1/Circ.1395, as amended, contains "LIST OF SOLID BULK CARGOES FOR WHICH A FIXED GAS FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM MAY BE EXEMPTED"

⁸ Only applicable to KR-issued SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA (Not to the one issued by flag Administrations)

⁹ KR branch office or KR e-fleet (<https://e-fleet.krs.co.kr/>). Also for the voluntary request of related certificate issuance(s) from shipowners/operators, survey fee (including the certificate fee of flag Administration, where relevant) will be charged.

Attachment No. 1 – Modifications to solid bulk cargo names

Attachment No. 2 – Standardized notes annotated to IMSBC SOC

Attachment No. 3 – Modified format of SOLAS exemption certificate for FFEA

* Distributions: KR surveyors, ship owners/operators, and other relevant parties

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