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Subject: Amendments (07-23) to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code

The International Maritime Organization adopted amendments to the IMSBC Code (07-23) through resolution MSC.539(107). The amendments will enter into force on **1 January 2025** and may be implemented on a voluntary basis from **1 January 2024**. This document intends to bring the essential points of the amendments (07-23) to the attention of all concerned parties, including all shipowners/operators, involved in the operation of ships subject to the IMSBC Code.

1. Changes to solid bulk cargoes

The amendments (07-23) newly add and delete solid bulk cargoes in the IMSBC Code Appendix 1 "Individual schedule of solid bulk cargoes", as listed in the following table:

Status	Bulk Cargo Shipping Name	Group	Hazard
Deleted	FISH MEAL (FISH SCRAP), STABILIZED UN 2216 Anti-oxidant treated	B	UN 2216
New	CELESTINE CONCENTRATE	A	-
New	BARYTE, FLOTATION CHEMICAL GRADE	A	-
New	BROWN FUSED ALUMINA	C	-
New	CRUSHED GRANODIORITE FINES	A	-
New	DIRECT REDUCED IRON (D)(By-product fines with moisture content of at least 2%)	A and B	MHB
New	DUNITE	C	-
New	DUNITE FINES	A	-
New	ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE DUST, PELLETIZED	A and B	MHB
New	FISH MEAL (FISH SCRAP), STABILIZED Anti-oxidant treated	B	MHB
New	GROUND GRANULATED BLAST FURNACE SLAG POWDER	A	-
New	MAGNESITE FINES	A	-
New	POTASSIUM NITRATE	C	-
New	SODIUM NITRATE	C	-
New	SODIUM NITRATE AND POTASSIUM NITRATE MIXTURE	C	-

The **“Deleted”** cargo may be removed from existing IMSBC certificates¹ at the early request of shipowners/operator on or after **1 January 2024**, or should be eliminated at the time of periodical Safety Equipment (SE) survey on or after **1 January 2025**. Where shipowners/operators intend to transport the **“New”** cargoes by their fleet from **1 January 2024**, they need to apply KR for the addition of such cargoes in IMSBC certificates and, where necessary, for related technical review.

1.1 Consequence to other certificates

If the **“Deleted”** cargo **“FISH MEAL (FISH SCRAP), STABILIZED UN 2216 Anti-oxidant treated”** as per the amendments (07-23) is listed in the Appendix 2 – List of Individual Cargoes in Bulk of CDG certificate², the cargo should be removed from the list and then the CDG certificate should be re-issued.

Subsequent to the amendments (07-23), MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.6 was issued incorporating the addition of related solid bulk cargoes. Among the **“New”** solid bulk cargoes, the following cargo was included in Table 1 of Annex to MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.6, for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system may be exempted.

Status	Bulk Cargo Shipping Name	Group	Hazard
New	ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE DUST, PELLETIZED	A and B	MHB

Therefore, where shipowners/operators intend to include the cargo mentioned above in the IMSBC certificates, SOLAS Exemption Certificates for FFEA³ as per SOLAS regulation II-2/10.7.1.4, if issued, should be also re-issued, as appropriate.

2. Actions requested of concerned parties

Where relevant or necessary, **shipowners/operators** may request KR to re-issue the IMSBC certificates (together with any related certificates, if any⁴) of their fleet for the **deletion** and/or **addition** of the cargoes listed in paragraph 1 above, by requesting technical review⁵ and/or by submitting related survey application⁶, from **1 January 2024**.

In case of ships having listed the **“Deleted”** cargo identified in paragraph 1 in their IMSBC certificates, **attending KR surveyors** are asked to confirm shipboard IMSBC certificates, remove the **“Deleted”** cargo above and re-issue them in consultation with shipowners/operators on or after **1 January 2025** but not later than the first **periodical Safety Equipment (SE) survey** thereafter.

¹ Statement of Compliance with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code

² Document of compliance with special requirements for ships carrying dangerous goods

³ Fixed Fire-Extinguishing Arrangement

⁴ Refer to paragraph 1.1 of this Technical Information

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⁶ KR branch office or KR e-fleet (<https://e-fleet.krs.co.kr/>)

For more details, please see resolution MSC.539(107) enclosed to this document.

Enclosure: Resolution MSC.539(107) and MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.6

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