



Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

Marine Notice No. 20 of 2005

Notice to all Ship Owners / Operators, Shipmasters, Deck Officers, National Maritime College of Ireland, other Training Providers, Ship's Agents and Freight Forwarders

International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code

This notice compliments and should be read in conjunction with Marine Notice No.10 of 2004 - *International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code*

The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules 1992 (SI No. 391 of 1992) gave effect to Chapter VII (Carriage of Dangerous Goods) of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS), which was ratified in February 1984.

The Code operated as a recommendatory instrument since its adoption at International Maritime Organization (IMO) in 1965. It has undergone many changes both in appearance and content to keep pace with the ever-changing needs of the industry. Amendments to the Code originate from two sources;

1. proposals submitted directly to IMO by Member States
2. amendments taking account of changes to the United Nations

Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. These set the requirement for all transport modes and are referred to as the "Orange Book". Amendments to this book are made on a two yearly cycle and are adopted by various competent authorities to ensure that difficulties are not encountered at inter modal interfaces.

Amendments to SOLAS Chapter VII made the IMDG Code mandatory from 1st January 2004. These were adopted in 2002 through IMO Resolution MSC 123(75) and MSC 122(75).

Future editions of the IMDG Code enter into force on the 1st of January of the year following publication of the updated edition with a 12-month implementation period to the 31st December of the relevant year.

In accordance with S.I. 639 of 2003, European Communities (Minimum requirements for vessels carrying dangerous or polluting goods)(Amendment) Regulation 2003, the 2004 edition of the IMDG Code entered into force on the 1st January 2005 with a 12-month implementation period until 31st December 2005.

A copy of the IMDG Code Edition 2004 plus the Supplement incorporating Amendment 31 (ISBN 92 801 5140-1 IMO sales number –ID200E) is available from IMO, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR. www.imo.org

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