



Marine Notice No. 64 of 2024

This Marine Notice supersedes Marine Notice No. 49 of 2023

Notice to all Shipowners, Ship Operators, Harbour Masters, Agents, Shipmasters, Stevedores, Seafarers, Shippers of Dangerous Goods and Companies involved in the transport of dangerous goods by sea.

The International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) and the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code)

1. Introduction

The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules 2023 ([S.I. No. 488 of 2023](#)) give 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 and in the Protocol of 1988. This Marine Notice is issued in accordance with Rule 2(2) of S.I. No. 488 of 2023 and supersedes Marine Notice No. 49 of 2023.

2. International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code)

The IMDG Code lays down basic principles and contains detailed recommendations for individual substances, materials and articles, as well as a number of recommendations for good operational practice, including advice on terminology, packing, labelling, stowage, segregation and handling, and emergency response action.

Amendments to SOLAS Chapter VII to make the IMDG Code mandatory from 1 January 2004 were adopted in 2002 through International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolutions MSC 123(75) and MSC 122(75).

The current edition of the IMDG Code is edition 2024 incorporating amendments 42-24, which were adopted on 24 May 2024 through IMO Resolution MSC.556(108) at MSC 108 and which comes into force on **1 January 2026**. Ireland is promoting early adoption of the amendments from **1 January 2025**. These amendments replaced the complete text of the IMDG Code. A new edition of the IMDG Code has been published by the IM O in hard copy, as a download and as an Internet subscription.

Responsible persons are requested to note the new requirements and put in place appropriate procedures to ensure that they are in compliance with them.

Although the information in the Code is directed primarily at the mariner, its provisions are essential for a whole range of industries and services. Manufacturers, packers, shippers, feeder services such as road and rail, and port authorities will find reliable advice on

terminology, packing, labelling, classification, stowage, segregation, and emergency response action.

Appropriate training for shore-side staff involved with dangerous goods is mandatory and may be audited by the competent authority. Persons not yet trained may only operate under the direct supervision of a trained person.

Ship operators and vessel masters are reminded of the following:

- Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods – The EmS Guide.
- Medical First Aid Guide for use in Accidents involving Dangerous Goods – MFAAG.

Both of the above documents are included in the supplement to the IMDG Code.

3. The International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code)

The IMSBC Code applies to all ships to which the SOLAS Convention, as amended, applies and that are carrying solid bulk cargoes as defined in Regulation 1-1 of Part A of Chapter VI (Carriage of cargoes and oil fuels) of the Convention. It also applies to Part A-1 of Chapter VII of the Convention. The IMSBC Code became mandatory from 1 January 2011.

Further amendments to the IMSBC Code were made in 2023 (MSC.539(107)) which come into effect from **1 January 2025**. As part of these amendments, the “Form for Cargo Information for Solid Bulk Cargoes” to be completed by shippers of bulk cargoes was amended to include the bulk density of the cargo as required by SOLAS regulation XIII/10. The declaration template (MSC.1/Circ.1664) is provided in the Appendix to this Marine Notice.

4. Further information

The Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport is the Competent Authority for the implementation of both the IMDG Code and the IMSBC Code, described above. For further information, please contact the Marine Survey Office by email at: mso@transport.gov.ie.

Marine Notice No. 49 of 2023 is hereby withdrawn.

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Encl: Appendix: MSC.1/Circ. 1664 “Form for Cargo Information for Solid Bulk Cargoes”

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**FORM FOR CARGO INFORMATION FOR SOLID BULK
CARGOES**

BCSN	
Shipper	Transport document number
Consignee	Carrier
Name/means of transport	Instructions or other matters
Port/place of departure	
Port/place of destination	
General description of the cargo (Type of material/particle size)	Gross mass (kg/tonnes)
Specifications of bulk cargo, if applicable: Stowage factor: Bulk density (as required by SOLAS regulation XII/10): Angle of repose, if applicable: Trimming procedures: Chemical properties if potential hazard*: * e.g. class and UN No. and/or MHB hazard(s)	
Group of the cargo <input type="checkbox"/> Group A and B <input type="checkbox"/> Group A <input type="checkbox"/> Group B <input type="checkbox"/> Group C	Transportable moisture limit For group A and B and group A cargoes Moisture content at shipment For group A and B and group A cargoes
Classification relating to MARPOL Annex V <input type="checkbox"/> harmful to the marine environment <input type="checkbox"/> not harmful to the marine environment	Additional certificate(s)* <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of moisture content and transportable moisture limit <input type="checkbox"/> Weathering certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Exemption certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) * If required
Relevant special properties of the cargo (e.g. highly soluble in water)	
DECLARATION I hereby declare that the consignment is fully and accurately described and that the given test results and other specifications are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and can be considered as representative for the cargo to be loaded.	Name/status, company/organization of signatory Place and date Signature on behalf of shipper