

Circular 100 / 2015

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, Surveyors and Other Interested Parties

Subject: The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants in Packaged Form: Amendment 37-14 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code

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Summary**1 General**

1.1 All persons involved in the transport and preparation for transport of dangerous goods under the provisions of the IMDG Code must comply with the changes brought about by the amendment.

2. Transitional Arrangements

2.1. Amendment 37-14 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code has been approved and adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and enters into force internationally on 1 January 2015, with a twelve month "transitional period" until 31 December 2015.

2.2. From 1 January 2015 until 31 December 2015 dangerous goods and marine pollutants in packaged form shall be shipped either:

- in accordance with the mandatory IMDG Code 2012 Edition incorporating Amendment 36-12; or
- in accordance with the IMDG Code 2014 Edition incorporating Amendment 37-14.

3. Arrangements from 1 January 2016

3.1. From 1 January 2016 dangerous goods and marine pollutants in packaged form shall be shipped only in accordance with the IMDG Code 2014 Edition incorporating Amendment 37-14.

3.2. The final form of the 2014 Edition comprises two volumes. This edition of the Code incorporates changes made in UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods Model Regulations 18th revised edition.

3.3. The IMDG Code 2014 Edition incorporating Amendment 37 ((ISBN 978-92-801-1597-0 (IMO sales number IJ200E)) is available from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.

3.4. The new amendments are incorporated by reference in to the [Maritime \(The International Convention For The Safety Of Life At Sea - SOLAS\) Rules, 2014 No.1](#), and shall take effect on 1 January 2016.

4. Supplement

4.1. The supplement to the IMDG Code (ISBN 978-92-801-1598-7, Sales number II210E), gives the consequential amendments to the 2012 edition of the IMDG Code Supplement and will come into force on the same basis as amendment 37-14 of the IMDG Code.

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