



Shipping Information Notice – 064 – Amendments to IMO Legislation (Period 01/03/2020 to 01/01/2021)

To: Ship owners, Operators, Managers, DPA's

References:

- MARPOL
- IMO MEPC.73
- IMO MEPC.74
- IMO MSC.101

The purpose of this SIN is to remind ship owners, operators, managers of upcoming amendments to IMO legislation expected to enter into force during the period of 01 March 2020 to 01 January 2021.

A. ENTRY IN FORCE: 01 March 2020

1. MARPOL amendments – Annex VI to prohibit the carriage of non-compliant fuel and other issues relating to MARPOL Annex VI regulation 14 (Adopted by MEPC 73)

These amendments will prohibit the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship - unless the ship is fitted with an exhaust gas cleaning system (ECGS or "scrubber"). The ECGS has to be accepted by the Administration as an alternative means to meet the sulphur limit requirement.

NOTE: Operators/owners of Gibraltar registered vessels should make available to the GMA copies of the relevant pages of the IAPP Certificate (including Supplement to the IAPP Record of Construction and Equipment) and copies of type approval Certificates for ECGS installed onboard.

The amendment supports the consistent implementation of the 0.50% limit on sulphur in ships fuel oil. The 0.50% limit on sulphur in ships' fuel oil came into force on 1 January 2020.

Please refer to SGN 076.

B. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01 October 2020

1. MARPOL amendments – Use of electronic record books (Adopted by MEPC 73)

These MARPOL amendments allow the use of electronic record books for the following:

- Annex I - Oil Record Book Part I – Machinery space operations and Oil Record Book Part II – Cargo/ballast operations;
- Annex II - Cargo Record Book;
- Annex V - Garbage Record Book;
- Annex VI for records relating to Regulation 12 – Ozone-depleting substances, Regulation 13 – Nitrogen oxides (NOX) and Regulation 14 – Sulphur oxides (SOX) and particulate matter.

Guidelines for the use of electronic record books under MARPOL have been adopted.

2. MARPOL amendments – EEDI regulations for ice-strengthened ships (Adopted by MEPC 73)

These amendments relate to the Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) regulations for ice-strengthened ships. The words "cargo ships having ice-breaking capability" are replaced with the words "category A ships as defined in the Polar Code"

C. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01 January 2021

1. MARPOL amendments - Cargo residues and tank washings of persistent floating noxious liquid substances (Adopted by MEPC 74):

Amendments to MARPOL Annex II to strengthen, in specified sea areas, discharge requirements for cargo residues and tank washings containing persistent floating products with a high-viscosity and/or a high melting point that can solidify under certain conditions (e.g. certain vegetable oils and paraffin-like cargoes), following concerns about the environmental impact of permissible discharges.

The amendments add new paragraphs to MARPOL Annex II Regulation 13 – Control of discharges of residues of noxious liquid substances, to require prewash and discharge of residue/water mixture generated during the prewash to a reception facility, for specific products, in specified areas (North West European waters, Baltic Sea area, Western European waters and Norwegian Sea).

2. IBC Code, IMSBC Code and ESP Code amendments (Adopted by MSC 101)

These amendments are:

- IBC Code: A comprehensive set of amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code). The amends include revisions to:
 - i. Chapter 17 (Summary of minimum requirements);
 - ii. Chapter 18 (List of products to which the code does not apply);
 - iii. Chapter 19 (Index of Products Carried in Bulk); and
 - iv. Chapter 21 (Criteria for assigning carriage requirements for products subject to the IBC Code).
- ISMBC Code: The consolidated edition of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) incorporates amendments 05-19. The 2019 amendments also include updates to various schedules, such as new individual schedule for BAUXITE FINES as a Group A cargo, as well as editorial amendments.

The amendments are incorporated into a consolidated IMSBC Code, to include all amendments to date, since the IMSBC Code was first adopted in 2008.

- ESP Code: Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code), to update the Code.

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