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## **1- IMSBC CODE: ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AMENDMENT 02-13**

As of 1 January 2015 compliance with the Amendments 02-13 to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code will become mandatory as per Resolution MSC.354(92) adopted during The Maritime Safety Committee's ninety-second session (12 to 21 June 2013).

### **2- Specific changes**

The main changes in this Amendment which are of relevance to members include:

#### **1. Introduction of new definitions**

"Potential sources of ignition" - which means, but is not limited to, open fires, machinery exhausts, galley uptakes, electrical outlets and electrical equipment unless they are of certified safe type.

"Sources of heat" - which means heated ship structures, where the surface temperature is liable to exceed 55°C. Examples of heated structures are steam pipes, heating coils, top or side walls of heated fuel and cargo tanks, and bulkheads of machinery spaces.

"Competent authority" - a new sentence is added at end of the original definition: "The competent authority shall operate independently from the shipper."

#### **2. Section 3 - Safety of personnel and ship**

The existing text under 3.6 is renumbered as 3.6.1 and two new paragraphs 3.6.2 and 3.6.3 are added to sub-Section 3.6 Cargo under in-transit fumigation.

#### **3. Section 4 - Assessment of acceptability of consignments for safe shipment**

Various changes have been made to sub-Section 4.3 Certificates of test and sub-Section 4.4 Sampling procedures.

#### **4. Section 7 - Cargoes that may liquefy**

The existing paragraph 7.2.2 is replaced with the following: "7.2.2 Liquefaction does not occur when the cargo consists of large particles or lumps and water passes through the spaces between the particles and there is no increase in the water pressure."

#### **5. Section 8 - Test procedures for cargoes which may liquefy**

A new paragraph 8.4.2 has been added to this section which describes how to carry out "can test", as follows: "8.4.2 If samples remain dry following a can test, the moisture content of the material may still exceed the Transportable Moisture Limit (TML)."

#### **6. A number of existing schedules in the Appendix have been updated as well as some new schedules have been added to the Appendix of the IMSBC Code**

For a complete list of amendments, please refer to Resolution MSC.354 (92).