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## **Marine Notice No. 23 of 2009**

*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 (IMDG) Code**

The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules, 1992 (SI No. 391 of 1992) 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 the Protocol 1988.

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

The IMDG Code lays down basic principles and contains detailed recommendations for individual substances material 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.

The current edition of the IMDG Code is edition 2006 incorporating amendments 33-06. This edition remains in force until the 1 January 2010.

A new edition of the IMDG Code has been published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in hard copy, as a download and as an Internet subscription. The new edition includes the changes in Amendment 34-08, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) in May 2008.

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.

The new amendments to the Code are mandatory as from 1 January 2010.

The many detailed changes introduced by Amendment 34-08 include:

- in the Dangerous Goods List, there are 12 new UN numbers going up to 3481, with explosives going up to 0508;

- there are also 5 UN numbers which were previously not listed in the IMDG Code because they were not regulated under it;
- **appropriate training for shore-side staff involved with dangerous goods is now mandatory instead of just recommended, and may be audited by the competent authority. Persons not yet trained may only operate under the direct supervision of a trained person. Training organisations wishing to provide IMDG training should apply to the MSO for acceptance (leading to approval) of such courses before engaging in training of shore based personnel. and**
- additional changes concerning marine pollutants, IMO tank instructions, excepted quantities, limited quantities and radioactive materials of class 7.

The various formats of the Code are available from [authorized distributors of IMO publications](#) and via IMO's [online bookshop](#).  
IMDG for Windows, Online and for Intranet are available at [imdgsupport.com](http://imdgsupport.com)

This Marine Notice is issued in accordance with Rule 1(3) of S.I. No. 391 of 1992

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