

Subject:

Amendments to the
requirements for the Safe
Carriage of Grain in Bulk

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TO: Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

Chapter VI "Carriage of Grain" of SOLAS 1974 has been amended with the new title of "Carriage of Cargoes", and the amendments shall enter into force on 1 January 1994.

In applying Chapter VI of SOLAS 1974, as amended, a cargo ship carrying grain shall comply with the requirements of "International Grain Code (Res. MSC. 23(59))" of which requirements shall be treated as mandatory.

For a ship applying to have the approval of the Grain Loading Booklet on and after 1 January 1994, it is necessary to state that the Booklet is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the International Grain Code except for the re-approval at the time of flag-change.

The requirements of the International Grain Code are almost same as the previous requirements of Chapter VI of SOLAS 1974 and the relevant IMO Circulars, etc. concerning grain loading with the following minor differences.

1. "Dispensation from Trimming Ends of Holds in Certain Ships (MSC/Circ.323)" is added.
2. "Strength of Grain Divisions Loaded on One Side (MSC/Circ.363)" is added with modification of the design strength.
3. "Securing of Slack Grain with Wire Reinforcement Mesh (IMO Paper BC XX/INF.12)" is added.

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