

IMDG CODE

2014 EDITION

INCORPORATING AMENDMENT 37-14

SUMMARY

There are many changes to the 2014 edition of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code). The significant changes are outlined below.

Shippers and carriers handling Class 7 goods should be aware of updates to provisions reflecting the IAEA *Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material – 2012 Edition* (IAEA Safety Standards Series SSR-6), which supersedes the IAEA 2009 Edition.

The format of the Dangerous Goods List (DGL) has been modified with two new columns: 16a and 16b (replacing Column 16, “Stowage and Segregation”). Instead of descriptive text, these columns now contain codes that are defined in Chapter 7. Column 16a, “Stowage and Handling”, contains (in addition to Stowage Category codes) new “SW” stowage codes and “H” handling codes as defined in sections 7.1.5 and 7.1.6. Column 16b, “Segregation”, contains the “SG” segregation codes that are defined in section 7.2.8.

There are significant changes in Chapter 7.2, including more stringent segregation and stowage requirements for Class 4.3 and other water-reactive materials.

The DGL has many updates, including:

- For UN 3268, the PSN has been changed from “AIR BAG MODULES, AIR BAG INFLATORS or SEAT-BELT PRETENSIONERS” to “SAFETY DEVICES”
- Asbestos is now to be shipped as UN 2212 “ASBESTOS, AMPHIBOLE” or UN 2590 “ASBESTOS, CHRYSOTILE”
- The entry “CAPACITORS” has been divided into “CAPACITOR, ELECTRIC DOUBLE LAYER” (UN 3499), and “CAPACITOR, ASYMMETRIC” (UN 3508)
- “PACKAGING DISCARDED, EMPTY, UNCLEANED” (UN 3509) has been added but can not be used for sea transport
- A series of shipping names for various adsorbed gases have been assigned between UN 3510 and UN 3526

The following Special Provisions have been added:

- SP 367 through 376 (excluding 374, 375)
- SP 968 through 970

Special Provisions for shipping certain common items have been added or revised:

- SP 376 through 377 (Lithium Batteries damaged/defective or for recycling/disposal)
- SP 961, 962 (Vehicles or Internal Combustion Engines; see also SP 970)