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**EXAMPLE OF AN OPTIONAL SHIPPING DOCUMENT  
FOR THE PURPOSES OF MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE**

1 The IBC Code requires that cargoes be referred to in the shipping document by the product name as it appears in chapter 17 or 18 of the IBC Code or the MEPC.2/Circular. The term “shipping document” has never been defined in this context in order to allow maximum flexibility for industry. However, this can sometimes lead to confusion, particularly where products are referred to by different names on various documents.

2 The Organization has developed an example of an optional shipping document that may be used where owners feel it necessary to clarify the names of products carried on board their vessels. The example is set out at annex. Columns may be completed or not at owners’ discretion and the form may be amended to suit the needs of individual owners.

3 Member States are invited to bring this document to the attention of interested parties and provide feedback to the Organization on its use.

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