

Update on the IMDG Code current edition (Amendment 34-08) and next edition (Amendment 35-10)

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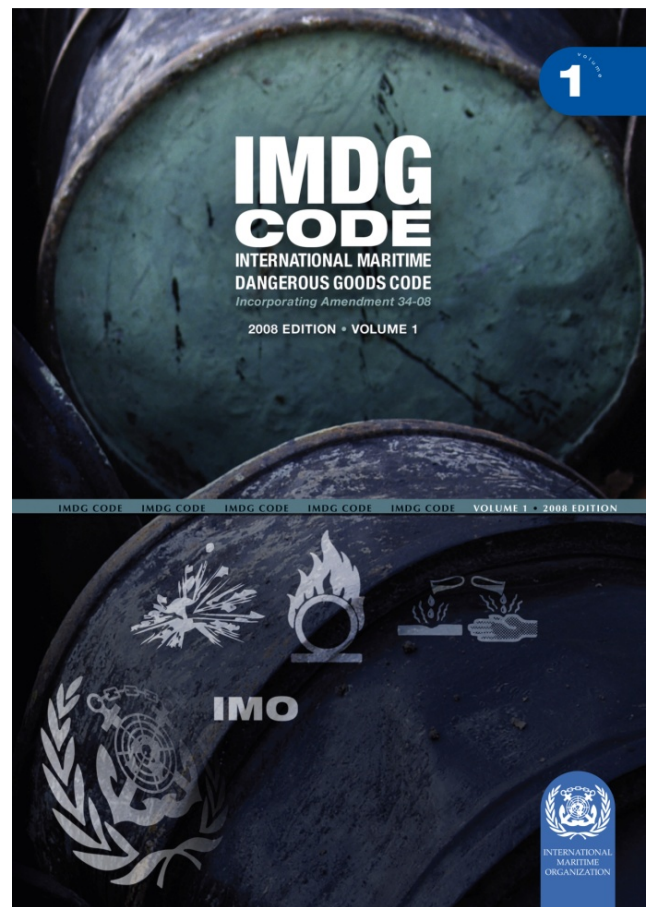
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IMDG Code Amendment 34-08

- Amdt 34-08 became mandatory from 1st January 2010



Classification of marine pollutants and consequential issues

Previous mark

Mandatory from
January 1st 2010

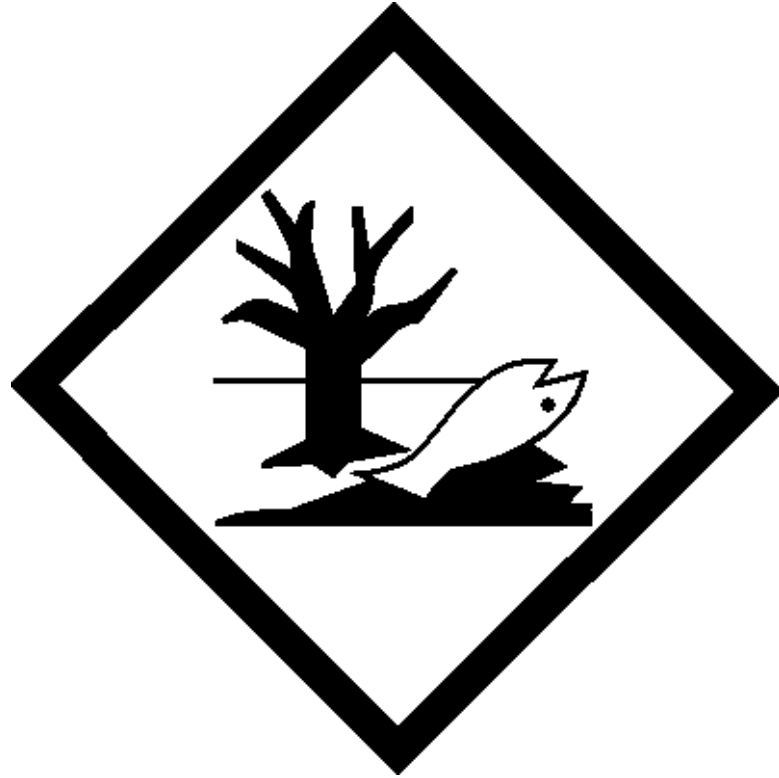


Could be used up to
31st December 2009



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Marine Pollutant mark



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Mandatory Training for shore side personnel

- The training of personnel involved in the transport of dangerous goods is required under the UK Health and Safety at Work regulations
- Training is also required by the other modal regulations e.g. ADR/RID
- From 1st January 2010 the training provisions of chapter 1.3 of the IMDG Code are mandatory



Mandatory Training for shore side personnel

- Recognising every organisation is arranged differently and may have already undertaken training for another mode
- The IMDG Code has taken a safety management approach
- It will be the responsibility of the company to determine who is trained, how and to what level



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Mandatory Training for shore side personnel

Hence, the table in the IMDG Code concerning functions and specific training requirements remains recommendatory, and they are retained for guidance purposes only



Mandatory Training for shore side personnel

- Training records must be kept and be available for inspection
- New staff must operate under supervision until fully trained



Loading into containers and onto vehicles

Mandatory training for shore side personnel also covers Chapter 7.5 Loading of CTUs



IMDG Code Amendment 35-10

- The draft amendments were agreed at IMO last year as IMO Circular letter No.2999 – available via MCA website
- Next stage is adoption at MSC (IMO) in May 2010
- Publication usually November 2010



IMDG Code Amendment 35-10

- Amendment 35-10 will enter in force on voluntary basis January 1st 2011
- It will replace Amendment 34-08 as the mandatory Code as of January 1st 2012



IMDG Code Amendment 35-10

- The changes reflect the harmonisation with the UN Model regulations or maritime specific safety issues
- Many are of an editorial nature to clarify text such as classification of mixtures – which arose out of the Dubai air incident



IMDG Code Amendment 35-10

- Special provision 274 – the requirement for the technical name as part of the proper shipping name.
- Following work at UN. Modal harmonisation has been achieved but more UN entries have come into scope



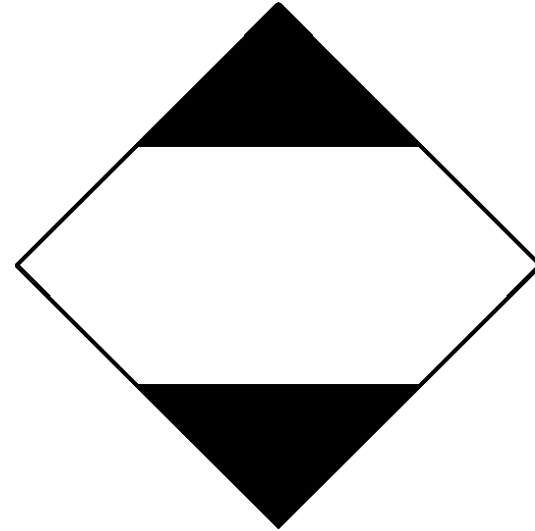
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- Some of the new entries to the Dangerous Goods List
- UN3166 ENGINE, INTERNAL COMBUSTION or VEHICLE, FLAMMABLE etc Class 9
- UN3495 IODINE Class 8, 6.1
- 3496 BATTERIES, NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE Class 9



IMDG Code Amendment 35-10

New Limited Quantity
provisions
and Mark 100 x 100mm



Same mark design for CTU placard but size
250 x 250 mm



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Current IMDG Code (34-08) options for placarding and marking a CTU



If the CTU contains only LQ, the current IMDG Code text will be changed from “Need not be” to “shall not” be placarded (large labels) or marked with the Proper Shipping Name or UN No.

However, it shall be marked with the 250 mm x 250 mm LQ mark



IMDG Code Amendment 35-10

- New Chapter 5.5.2 Special provisions applicable to fumigated cargo transport units (UN 3359)
- All provisions concerning fumigated units in one chapter
- To allow use as free standing text to disseminate to those not normally involved in the transport of dangerous goods



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