



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

Safety Data Sheets - Adoption of amendments to Chapter VI of Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended

Notice to all Shipowners, Ship Operators, Ship Managers, Classification Societies, Bunker Suppliers, Masters and Officers

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Summary

This Information Note instructs on new International Maritime Organization requirements for the provision of a material safety data sheet to ships prior to the loading of MARPOL Annex I cargoes and marine fuel oils.

1. Introduction /Background

- 1.1 The International Maritime Organization recently adopted a new SOLAS regulation (VI/5-1) which requires ships carrying MARPOL Annex I products, such as marine fuel oils, to be provided with a material safety data sheet prior to the loading of such cargoes or fuel oils. The material safety data sheet shall be provided to the ship prior to the loading of such oil as cargo in bulk or bunkering of oil fuel.
- 1.2 The format of the material safety data sheet can be found in the IMO Recommendations for Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for MARPOL Annex I Oil Cargo and Oil Fuel ((MSC.286(86))

2. Requirements

- 2.1 The requirement to carry Safety Data Sheets became mandatory under SOLAS from 1 July 2009 and will affect all Shipowners, Ship Operators, Ship Managers, Classification Societies, Bunker Suppliers, Masters and officers of ships using oil as fuel and all ships carrying MARPOL Annex 1 cargoes.
- 2.2 SOLAS regulation VI/5-1 will be implemented in the UK legislations accordingly in due course.

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