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Effective as of: As listed in Annex to this Circular

Reference: IMO resolutions as listed

Application: Recognized organisations, Ship – owners, Companies

This Circular summarizes the requirements of the Annex of the Protocol of 1997 to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Annex VI), the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM), the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships and the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, entered into force from January 2025 as listed in the Annex to this Circular.


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ANNEX

List of MARPOL, BWM, Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships and the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, entered into force from January 2025.

Below table provides reference to adopted MSC, HKSRC and MEPC Resolutions, dates of their entry into force with short description of the nature and scope of requirements.

Convention / Code / Resolution	Date of entry into force	Application	Description of the Amendment
IMSBC Code <u>MSC.539(107)</u> Amendments to IMSBC Code	1 January 2025	New and existing ships carrying cargoes subject to the requirements of IMSBC Code	<p>AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE</p> <p>The amendments to IMSBC Code includes:</p> <p>.1 Inclusion of definitions for "dynamic separation" and "Cargoes which may undergo dynamic separation" (the formation of a liquid slurry (water and fine solids) above the solid material, resulting in a free surface effect which may significantly affect the ship's stability) into the forms specifying the characteristics of the cargo and the required conditions for carriage and handling of that cargo.</p> <p>.2 Revisions to various existing individual schedules for solid bulk cargoes.</p> <p>.3 New schedules have been added to Appendix 1.</p> <p>.4 Existing individual schedule - FISH MEAL (FISH SCRAP), STABILIZED UN 2216 Anti-oxidant treated is deleted (alignment of the stabilization requirements for fish meal with the IMDG Code, and classification as MHB (SH) instead of class 9).</p> <p>The amendments also expressly identified "bulk density (as required by SOLAS regulation XII/10)" as one of the cargo information which needs to be provided by shippers to ships before loading.</p> <p>MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.5 has been revised and replaced by MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev.6 – Lists of solid bulk cargoes for which a fixed gas fire extinguishing system may be exempted or for which a fixed gas fire extinguishing system is ineffective.</p>
BWM Convention MEPC.369(80)	1 February 2025	Ships to which BWM Convention and BWMS Code apply	Amendments to Appendix II - Form of Ballast Water Record Book.
HONG KONG <u>HKSRC.1/Circ. 21</u> International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009	26 June 2025	New and existing ships of 500 gross tonnes and above operating internationally and ship recycling facilities	Coming into force of the Hong Kong Convention
MARPOL Annex VI MEPC.385(81)	1 August 2025	New and existing ships of 5000 gross tonnes and above	<p>Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Low-flashpoint fuels and other fuel oil related issues, marine diesel engine replacing steam system, accessibility of data and inclusion of data on transport work and enhanced granularity in the IMO Ship Fuel Consumption Database (IMO DCS))</p> <p>Amendments to Regulations 2, 14 and Appendix I of MARPOL Annex VI revise the definition of gas fuels to align with the IGF Code and clarify that the in-use/onboard sampling points shall not apply to gas/low-flashpoint fuels. Furthermore, Regulation 18 is amended to apply bunker delivery note (BDN) requirements to gas/low-flashpoint fuels.</p> <p>Amendments to Regulation 13.2.2 of MARPOL Annex VI are related to marine diesel engine replacing a steam system.</p> <p>Amendments to Regulation 27 of MARPOL Annex VI allow IMO to share ship's fuel oil consumption data with analytical consultancies and research entities, under strict confidentiality and with the company's consent, in a non-anonymized form. Additionally, under the Appendix IX of MARPOL Annex VI, there are new obligations to report the following data: Total onshore power supplied, Total transport work, Installation of innovative technology, Laden distance travelled.</p>
BWM Convention MEPC.383(81)	1 October 2025	Ships to which BWM Convention and BWMS Code apply	Amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (Use of Electronic Record Books), allow the Ballast Water Record Book to be electronic and ensure a harmonised approach with the MARPOL Annexes and the NOx Technical Code.