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To: Relevant departments of the headquarters, all CCS branch offices, all overseas regional centers, shipowners and shipping companies

## Technical notice on the implementation of the amendments to BCH Code (MSC. 446(99))

### 1. Background

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the Amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) by resolution MSC.446(99) on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The resolution will come into force on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### 2. Main content

The Amendments amend the Form of Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk in appendix according to the compulsive requirement of stability instrument installation with the BCH code.

Resolution MSC.446(99) is attached.

The Technical Notice is made public on CCS website ([www.ccs.org.cn](http://www.ccs.org.cn)) and is to be forwarded by CCS branches to relevant owners and shipping companies in relevance to their business area. CCS will re-issue the certificate appendix after the resolution comes into force.

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**ANNEX 11**

**RESOLUTION MSC.446(99)  
(adopted on 24 May 2018)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT  
OF SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS IN BULK (BCH CODE)**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.212(VII) by which the Assembly, at its seventh session, adopted the *Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk* (BCH Code), which provides safety requirements for chemical tankers supplementary to the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended,

RECALLING FURTHER resolution MEPC.20(22), by which the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) adopted the BCH Code to make it mandatory under MARPOL,

NOTING resolution MSC.29(61), by which, at its sixty-first session, it adopted the revised BCH Code,

NOTING ALSO resolutions MSC.440(99) and MEPC.302(72), respectively, by which it, and MEPC, adopted corresponding amendments to the Certificate of Fitness under the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code),

NOTING FURTHER resolution MEPC.303(72) by which MEPC, at its seventy-second session, adopted amendments to the Certificate of Fitness under the BCH Code,

CONSIDERING that it is highly desirable for the provisions of the BCH Code, which are mandatory under MARPOL and recommendatory from a safety standpoint, to remain identical when adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its ninety-ninth session, amendments to the Certificate of Fitness under the BCH Code prepared by the Secretariat and, subsequently, approved by the Committee at its ninety-eighth session,

RECOGNIZING the need to bring the approved amendments to the BCH Code into force on the date on which corresponding amendment to the IBC Code enter into force,

1 ADOPTS amendments to the Certificate of Fitness under the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code), as amended, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES that said amendments shall become effective on 1 January 2020 upon acceptance and entry into force of the corresponding amendment to the Certificate of Fitness under the IBC Code, adopted by resolution MSC.440(99).

ANNEX

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SHIPS  
CARRYING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS IN BULK (BCH CODE)**

In the appendix, the existing paragraph 6 of the model form of Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk is replaced with the following:

- "6        That the loading and stability manuals required by paragraph 2.2.1.1 of the Code have been supplied to the ship in an approved form.
- 7        That the ship must be loaded:
- .1\*        only in accordance with loading conditions verified compliant with intact and damage stability requirements using the approved stability instrument fitted in accordance with paragraph 2.2.1.2 of the Code;
- .2\*        where a waiver permitted by paragraph 2.2.1.3 of the Code is granted and the approved stability instrument required by paragraph 2.2.1.2 of the Code is not fitted, loading should be made in accordance with one or more of the following approved methods:
- (i)\*        in accordance with the loading conditions provided in the approved loading and stability manuals referred to in 6 above; or
- (ii)\*        in accordance with loading conditions verified remotely using an approved means .....; or
- (iii)\*        in accordance with a loading condition which lies within an approved range of conditions defined in the approved loading and stability manuals referred to in 6 above; or
- (iv)\*        in accordance with a loading condition verified using approved critical KG/GM data defined in the approved loading and stability manuals referred to in 6 above;
- .3\*        in accordance with the loading limitations appended to this Certificate.

Where it is required to load the ship other than in accordance with the above instruction, then the necessary calculations to justify the proposed loading conditions should be communicated to the certifying Administration who may authorize in writing the adoption of the proposed loading condition.\*\*

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\*        Delete as appropriate.

\*\*        Instead of being incorporated in the Certificate, this text may be appended to the Certificate, if duly signed and stamped."

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