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IMO MSC 107

The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, at its 107th session, adopted 16 resolutions of amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, the 1978 Protocol to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, the 1988 Protocol to the 1974 SOLAS Convention and the LSA Code.

In addition, MSC107 also approved a total of 27 circulars, including Guide to Lifting Equipment (MSC.1/Circ.1663) and Interim Guide to the Safety of Ships Using LPG Fuel (MSC.1/Circ.1666).

For summary, please refer to the attached List of resolutions/circulars adopted/approved by IMO MSC 107. This Notice is made public on CCS website (www.ccs.org.cn), and is to be notified to relevant ship owners, ship management companies, shipyards, marine product manufacturers by CCS survey units within their responsible areas. Please contact the Technology & Information Department of CCS for any inquiry in this regard (E-mail address: ti@ccs.org.cn).

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1.	AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974	MSC.532(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2026.01.01	Ship types applicable specified in each chapter	size specified in each chapter	(1)Chapter II-1: Definitions of lifting equipment and anchor handling winch are added; II-1/3-13 mandatory provisions are added, which require that the design, construction and installation of applicable ship lifting appliances and anchor handling winches should conform to the classification society rules or equivalent standards recognized by Administration. (2)Amendment to II-2/10:prohibit the use and storage of fire-extinguishing media containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) on ships constructed on or after 1 January 2026 and to enforce their disposal to shorebased reception facilities (3)Amendments to SOLAS chapter V to enforce the installation of electronic inclinometer on container ships and bulk carriers of 3,000 GT and upwards constructed on or after 1 Jan 2026(excluding the cargo ships occasionally carrying dry bulk cargoes and general cargo ships carrying containers on deck) (4)Amendments to SOLAS chapter XIV and the Polar Code to provide safety-related provisions for non-SOLAS ships(including fishing vessels of 24 m in length overall and above, pleasure yachts of 300 GT and upwards not engaged in trade and cargo ships of 300 GT and upwards but below 500 GT) navigating in the polar waters, i.e., new chapters 9-1 (safety of navigation) and 11-1 (voyage planning) of

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							the Polar Code Part I-A (5)Form P and Form C:"immersion suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets" and "anti-exposure suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets";Form E:A new entry "electronic inclinometer" was added.
2.	AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974	MSC.533(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2026.01.01	container ships and bulk carriers	3,000 GT and upwards	Form of Safety (Equipment) Certificate For Cargo Ships is revised(the ship type of container ships is added)
3.	AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE	MSC.534(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2026.01.01	container ships and bulk carriers	3,000 GT and upwards	Form of Safety (Equipment) Certificate For Cargo Ships is revised(the ship type of container ships is added)

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	SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974						
4.	AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCE CODE (LSA CODE)	MSC.535(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2026.01.01	Any type	NA	Amendments to Chapter IV of the LSA Code to establish the requirements relating to ventilation means for totally enclosed lifeboats. The ventilation means may be of either a powered or passive type but shall satisfy the ventilation capacity of 5 m3/hour per person for the total number of persons the lifeboat is permitted to accommodate. Where the means of ventilation is powered, its power supply should not depend on the battery for radio; If the lifeboat engine is relied on, sufficient fuel should be provided. In addition, there are detailed requirements on the ventilation opening of lifeboats.
5.	AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR HIGH-SPEED CRAFT, 1994 (1994 HSC CODE)	MSC.536(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2026.01.01	HIGH-SPEE D CRAFT	GT≥500 and all	1.Amendment to 7.9.4: The storage or use of PFSO fire extinguishing is prohibited for high-speed ships when the first survey on or after January 1, 2026, and such substances should be received by appropriate shore-based facilities when they are removed from

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6.	AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR HIGH-SPEED CRAFT, 2000 (2000 HSC CODE)	MSC.537(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2026.01.01	HIGH-SPEE D CRAFT	Cargo ships with GT≥500 and all passenger	1.Amendment to 7.9.4: The storage or use of PFSO fire extinguishing is prohibited for high-speed ships constructed on or after January 1, 2026, and such substances should be received by appropriate shore-based facilities when they are removed from the existing ship. 2.delete the "immersion suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets" and "anti-exposure suits complying with the requirements for lifejackets" in the Record of Equipment for High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate.
	AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR SHIPS OPERATING IN POLAR WATERS (POLAR CODE)	MSC.538(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2026.01.01	Polar navigation ship	overall and above,pleasure yachts of 300 GT and upwards not engaged in trade and cargo	MSC.532(107), amendments to the Polar Code to provide safety-related provisions for non-SOLAS ships (including fishing vessels of 24 m in length overall and above, pleasure yachts of 300 GT and upwards not engaged in trade and cargo ships of 300 GT and upwards but below 500 GT) navigating in the polar waters, i.e., new chapters 9-1 (safety of navigation) and 11-1 (voyage planning) of the Polar

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8.	AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE	MSC.539(107)	Yes	enter into force on 2025.01.01(It can be implemented voluntarily from January 1, 2024.)		GT<500 sailing	The amendments (07-23) add solid bulk cargoes in the IMSBC Code Appendix 1 "Individual schedule of solid bulk cargoes",including:Celestine Concentrate;Baryte, Flotation Chemical Grade;Brown Fused Alumina;Crushed Granodiorite Fines;Direct Reduced Iron (d) (By-Product Fines With Moisture Content Of At Least 2%);Dunite;Dunite Fines;The amendments (07-23) 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.
9.	AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 1983 (1983 SPS CODE)	MSC.542(107)	No	Adopted date 2023.06.08	SPS	GT≥500	delete the "immersion suits complying with the requirements for life jackets" in the Record of Equipment for the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate.
10.	AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF SAFETY FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE SHIPS, 2008 (2008 SPS CODE)	MSC.543(107)	No	Adopted date 2023.06.08	SPS	GT≥500	delete the "immersion suits complying with the requirements for life jackets" in the Record of Equipment for the Special Purpose Ship Safety Certificate.

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			ry	date			Amendment to Section 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8, Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of Part 1 of MSC.81(70): 1. Define the version number 2020 of ISO 12402-7
11.	AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED RECOMMENDATI ON ON TESTING OF LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES (RESOLUTION MSC.81(70))	MSC.544(107)	No	Adopted date 2023.06.08	Any type	NA	standard; 2. the time threshold of life jacket heat preservation test for 15min is included; 3. Test requirements for ventilation system of fully enclosed lifeboat were added. At the same time, the fuel consumption test of lifeboats is required to turn on the ventilation equipment. 4. Editorial revise the test requirements for rigid fast lifeboats. Among them, Sections 6 and 7 of Part 1 are applicable to lifeboats and rescue boats newly installed on January 1, 2029.
12.	AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS, 1979 (1979 MODU CODE)	MSC.545(107)	No	enter into force on 2024.01.01	Mobile offshore drilling unit	NA	Amendments to Ch.2 of 1979 MODU Code to prohibit the new installation of materials that contain asbestos on all MODUs. These amendments take effect on 1 January 2024 without a period of grace.

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13.	AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS, 1989 (1989 MODU CODE)	MSC.546(107)	No	enter into force on 2024.01.01	Mobile offshore drilling unit	NA	Amendments to Ch.2 of 1989 MODU Code to prohibit the new installation of materials that contain asbestos on all MODUs. These amendments take effect on 1 January 2024 without a period of grace.
14.	AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS, 2009 (2009 MODU CODE)	MSC.547(107)	No	enter into force on 2024.01.01	Mobile offshore drilling unit	NA	Amendments to Ch.2 of 2009 MODU Code to prohibit the new installation of materials that contain asbestos on all MODUs. These amendments take effect on 1 January 2024 without a period of grace.
15.	INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR DIVING OPERATIONS, 2023 (2023 DIVING CODE)	MSC.548(107)	No	2024.01.01	ships with diving system	GT≥500	Compared with the existing "1995 Code" which are only applicable to fixed diving systems: 1. The "Diving Code 2023" extends the scope of application to offshore structures (including ships, mobile platforms and fixed platforms) for diving operations. The types include fixed diving system and temporary diving system, saturated diving system and surface diving system. 2. It covers the safety regulations and inspection and certification requirements of diving system and its

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							high-pressure evacuation system, diving system support ship or offshore platform. 3. Search and rescue issues involve the coordination of related resources and the revision of the IAMSAR manual, which need to be considered separately. Applicable to ships with diving system installed on or after January 1, 2024.
16.	REVISED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR WATER LEVEL DETECTORS ON SHIPS SUBJECT TO SOLAS REGULATIONS II-1/25, II-1/25-1 AND XII/12	MSC.188 (79) /REV.2	No	Adopted date 2023.06.08	multiple hold cargo ships other than bulk carriers and tankers	Cargo ships	This revision Resolution corrects the performance standards such that, unlike other water level sensors installed based on the inner bottom of the cargo hold, only bilge level sensors alternatively permitted by SOLAS regulation II-1/25-1.3 are to be installed based on the bottom of the bilge well. It applies to the water level detectors installed on or after1 January 2024 and revokes the performance standards (Rev.1)
	Guidelines for anchor handling winches	MSC.1/Circ.1662	No	2026.01.01	Any type		As a supporting guide for the requirements of anchor handling winches in SOLAS II-1/3-13 in Resolution MSC.532(107), it provides detailed guidance for the design, inspection, test, maintenance, loose gear and inoperative anchor handling winches.
18.	Guidelines for lifting appliances	MSC.1/Circ.1663	No	2026.01.01	Any type	Cargo ships with GT≥500 and all passenger	As a supporting guide for the requirements of lifting equipment in SOLAS II-1/3-13 in Resolution MSC.532(107), it provides detailed guidance for the design, inspection, test, maintenance, loose gear and inoperative lifting appliances.

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19.	Revised form for cargo information for solid bulk cargoes		No	Issued date 2023.06.26	Ships applicable to IMSBC Code	GT<500 sailing	In conjunction with Amendments(07-23) to the IMSBC Code ,the circular propagates the revised form for cargo information for solid bulk cargoes, which additionally includes "bulk density (as required by SOLAS regulation XII/10)".
20.	Guidelines for the submission of information and completion of the format for the properties of cargoes not listed in the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code and their conditions of carriage	MSC.1/Circ.1453/R ev.2	No	Issued date 2023.06.26	Ships applicable to IMSBC Code	Cargo ships	For goods that need to be transported in bulk but are not included in the IMSBC rules, the Administration at the loading port shall provide the captain with a certificate stating the characteristics of the goods, the conditions of transportation and how to handle the goods. The Administration of the loading port shall also submit an application to IMO to include the solid bulk cargo in Appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code. The format of the application shall comply with the provisions of IMSBC Code 1.3.3. This guide provides guidance on the information required in the application. This circular is used in conjunction with the amendment 06-21 of the IMSBC Code.

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	moisture content for solid bulk cargoes which may liquefy or undergo dynamic separation	MSC.1/Circ.1454/R ev.2		Issued date 2023.06.26	Ships applicable to IMSBC Code	Cargo ships with GT<500 sailing	Provide detailed guidance on sampling, water content detection and formulation and approval of water content control procedures for solid bulk goods that can be liquefied or dynamically separated. This circular is used in conjunction with the amendment 06-21 of the IMSBC Code.
22.	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	MSC.1/Circ.1395/R ev.6	No	Issued date 2023.06.26	Cargo ships	GT≥500	In conjunction with Amendments(07-23) to the IMSBC Code, the revised circular newly includes the BCSN "ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE DUST, PELLETIZED" in the list of solid bulk cargoes for which a fixed gas fireextinguishing system may be exempted
23.	Revised standardized life-saving appliance evaluation and test report forms (survival craft)	ev.2	No	Issued date 2023.06.28	Any type	NA	The circular contains revised standardized lifesaving evaluation and test report forms (survival craft) relating to the ventilation performance test and opening arrangements for totally enclosed lifeboats.

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24.	Revised standardized life-saving appliance evaluation and test report forms (personal life-saving appliances)	ev.1	No	Issued date 2023.07.10	Any type	NA	The revised circular contains updated test report forms corresponding to resolution MSC.542(107) concerning the thermal protective test of immersion suits (i.e. restricting the test duration for human test subjects to 15 minutes).
25.	Interim guidelines for the safety of ships using LPG fuels	MSC 1/Cima 1666	No	Issued date 2023.06.30	Ships using LPG as fuel	all ships	This circular provides safety provisions for the arrangement, installation, control, and monitoring of ships using LPG as fuel and aims to minimize the risk to the ship, its crew, and the environment, having regard to the nature of LPG. It applies to ships using LPG as fuel to which part G of SOLAS chapter II-1 applies.
26.	Unified interpretation of requirements in the IGF Code for fuel preparation rooms not located on an open deck	MSC.l/Circ.1667	No	Issued date 2023.06.27	Ships using low flash point fuel	Ships applicable to IGF Code	Interpretation provides clarification on applying certain tank connection space requirements to the design of a fuel preparation room not located on open deck in compliance with IGF Code section 5.8. This unified interpretation provides clarification on the application of certain tank connection space requirements in the design of fuel preparation rooms not located on an open deck.
27.	Unified interpretation of bunkering manifold arrangements fitted on LNG bunkering ships in	MSC.1/Circ.1668	No	Issued date 2023.06.27	ship carrying liquefied gas in bulk	Ships applicable to IGC Code	Due to the specifics of liquefied gas bunkering ships, some of these vessels may be provided with additional cargo transfer equipment. However, it was not clear what safety provisions in the IGC Code should apply to them.In this regard, this circular

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	the IGC Code (as amended by resolution MSC.370(93))						provides interpretations that this additional transfer equipment should comply with fire detection and fire protection in cargo area as well as hull protection from low temperature in IGC Code.
28.	Unified interpretation of the IGC Code (as amended by resolution MSC.370(93))		No	Issued date 2023.05.31	ship carrying liquefied gas in bulk	Ships applicable to IGC Code	This circular provides unified interpretations of paragraphs 4.20.3.5, 4.20.3.6, 4.20.3.7, 5.13.2.5, and 13.3.5 of the IGC Code concerning the conduct of verification s and examinations required during the first full loading and unloading of liquefied gas cargo.
29.	Unified interpretation of the IGF Code	MSC.l/Circ.1670	No	Issued date 2023.06.27	Ships using low flash point fuel	Ships applicable to IGF Code	Unified interpretation of 9.2.2 to restrict the use of single common flange in the piping system for fuel transfer to the consumers.
	Unified interpretation on implementation of regulation 2.10.3 of the 2009 MODU Code, regulation 2.8.2 of the 1989 MODU Code and regulation 2.7.2 of the 1979 MODU Code	MSC.1/Circ.1671	No	Issued date 2023.07.14	MODU which applicable to 1979/1989/2 009 MODU Code	NA	This circular provides interpretations on "new installation of materials which contain asbestos should be prohibited" in each MODU Code. It clarifies that non-inclusion of asbestos should be evidenced by asbestos-free declarations for the material used; and that existing materials stowed onboard before 1 January 2024 are not prohibited from being retained onboard but should not be installed unless they can be documented to be asbestos-free.

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31.	Guidelines for maintenance and monitoring of materials containing asbestos on board MODUs	MSC.1/Circ.1672	No	Issued date 2023.07.14	MODU which applicable to 1979/1989/2 009 MODU Code	I NA	These guidelines correspond to MSC.1/Circ.1045 which supplements SOLAS regulation II-1/3-5. The purpose of the Guidelines is to set up a maintenance and monitoring programme with the principal objective of minimizing exposure to asbestos fibres of anyone on board (owners, operating personnel, maintenance and repair personnel) while the MODU is in service and under repair/modification/conversion/alteration, etc
	Unified interpretation of SOLAS regulation II-1/1.1.3	MSC.1/Circ.1673	No	Issued date 2023.07.14	Any type	Cargo ships with GT≥500 and all passenger	The circular provides interpretations on the expression "ships constructed before 1 January 2024" for ships subject to the provisions of SOLAS regulation II-1/1.1.1.1 as adopted by MSC.474(102).It also provides an interpretation that the expression "multiple hold cargo ships other than bulk carriers and tankers constructed on or after 1 January 2024" in SOLAS regulation II-1/25-1.
33.	Unified interpretations of the 2008 IS Code	MSC.1/Circ.1537/R ev.2	No	Issued date 2023.07.14	Any type	Ships with length of 24m and above.	Amendments to unified interpretation of 2008 IS Code (MSC.1/Circ.1537/Rev.1) to make specific down-flooding points (ventilators, fitted with weathertight closing appliances, serving machinery spaces that are required to remain open) applied to the entirety of the 2008 IS Code.
3/1	Unified interpretation of	MSC.1/Circ.1362/R ev.2	No	Issued date	Any type	Cargo ships	Amendments to unified interpretation of SOLAS chapter II-1 (MSC.1/Circ.1362/Rev.1)

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	SOLAS chapter II-1			2023.07.14		with GT≥500 and all passenger	to include the following new interpretations: 1. Unified interpretation of regulation II-1/3-8 on mooring arrangement and equipment to clarify the documentation which was necessary to support an Administration or an RO in verifying compliance with regulation II-1/3-8; 2.Unified interpretation SOLAS regulation II-1/13.2.3 and provides interpretations on the pressure testing of penetrations used for the passage of heat-sensitive piping systems in watertight divisions of passenger ships after a fire test.
35.	Revised guidelines for the design and approval of fixed water-based fire-fighting systems for ro-ro spaces and special category spaces	MSC.1/Circ.1430/R	No	Issued date 2023.06.27	Ships with ro-ro spaces and special category spaces		The revised circular now defines the term "height of the protected space" as the distance between the lower deck and upper deck and modifies the term "free height" to "height it is applicable to the fixed water-based fire-fighting systems for ro-ro spaces and special category spaces installed on or after 1 January 2024
36.	Unified interpretations of the LSA Code, the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes		No	Issued date 2023.06.27	Any type	NA	1.Unified interpretation of LSA Code and 1994/2000 HSC Code to accept multiple light source LED torch as an alternative to "one spare bulb" equipped for liferaft, lifeboat and rescue boat, provided the failure of any one LED does not prevent the other LED's from fully functioning. 2.And clarifies that the provision of an additional waterproof electric torch can be accepted as an alternative to one spare set of batteries and one spare

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37.	Revised unified interpretations of SOLAS chapter II-2	MSC.1/Circ.1276/R ev.1	No	Issued date 2023.06.27	Any type		In order to be consistent with MSC.365(93) resolution, the revised circular expands the application scope of the unified interpretations in MSC.1/Circ.1276 from galley exhaust ducts to any ducts subject to SOLAS regulations II-2/9.7.2 and II-2/9.7.5. The revised interpretations apply to new building ships.
38.	Revised hazardous area classification (application of SOLAS regulation II-1/45.11)	MSC.1/Circ.1557/R	No	Issued date 2023.9.5	tanker	Cargo ships GT≥500	The revised circular provides amendments to the hazardous area classification contained in MSC.1/Circ.1557 to update the inconsistencies between the standard IEC 60092-502:1999 and relevant IMO instruments, such as SOLAS, IGC Code, and IBC Code.
39.	Interim Guidelines on safe operation of onshore power supply (OPS) service in port for ships engaged on international voyages	MSC.l/Circ.1675	No	Issued date 2023.06.27	Any type sailing international ly	NA	Considering that the application of onshore power supply (OPS)10 is gradually expanding, these Interim guidelines guide verification, testing, operation, maintenance, documentation, and personnel familiarization to promote the safe operation of OPS service in port on ships engaged in the international voyage

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40.	Delays affecting the availability of new GMDSS equipment compliant with the revised performance standards set out in resolutions MSC.511(105), MSC.512(105) and MSC.513(105)	MSC.1/Circ.1676	No	Issued date 2023.06.30	Any type	NA	Due to the delay in developing relevant IEC standards, concerns were raised that there may not be GMDSS installations complying with the Performance standards approved by MSC 105 for Implementation on 1 January 2024. This circular permit to continue installation of VHF, MF, MF/HF, and Inmarsat-C conforming to the old Performance standards until 1 January 2028.
41.	Guidance on the validity of radiocommunication s equipment installed and used on ships	MSC.1/Circ.1460/R ev.4	No	Issued date 2023.06.30	NA	NA	MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.3 required that VHF radio-communication equipment should be updated to cover the new digital channels established in appendix 18 of ITU Radio Regulation, until the first radio survey after 1 January 2024. Given the non-availability of VHF radio-communication equipment and the proximity of the implementation date, this circular defers the implementation date to 1 January 2028.
42.	Harmonization Of GMDSS Requirements For Radio Installations On Board SOLAS Ships	COMSAR.1/Circ.32 /Rev.2	No	Issued date 2023.07.03	Any type	NA	The relationship between the provision of double sets of equipment in A1 sea area and A2 sea area, the provision of ship earth station in A3 sea area and the replacement of the first set of MF radio by MF/HF radio set with double sets of equipment is clarified respectively.

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43.	Carriage Conditons for Voc Condensate	CCC.1/Circ.5	NO	Issued date 2023.06.27	NA	NA	"VOC CONDENSATE" is brought into IGC Code as a new kind of goods, and its transportation conditions are given.

Note: In the column "Mandatory", "Yes" = mandatory; "No" = guidance;

In the columns "Ship size" and "Ship date", "L" = load line length; "LBP" = length between perpendiculars;

In the column "Ship date", "Any date" = applicable to ships built at any time; "K" = date of keel laying; "B" = date of construction; "D" = date of delivery; "C" = date of contract for construction;