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REVISED FORM FOR CARGO INFORMATION FOR SOLID BULK CARGOES

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 107th session (31 May to 9 June 2023), in reviewing the outcome of the eighth session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC 8), recognized the urgent need to resolve a discrepancy between the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code and regulation XII/10 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, concerning the omission of bulk density information in the form for cargo information for solid bulk cargoes, and approved the revised form for cargo information for solid bulk cargoes, pending formal entry into force of the amendments to the IMSBC Code, as given in the annex to this circular.

2 Member Governments are invited to bring the revised form to the attention of all concerned, taking into account the voluntary application date of 1 January 2024 for amendment 07-23 of the IMSBC Code, pending its envisaged entry into force on 1 January 2025, and in particular to:

- .1 encourage shippers to use cargo information in accordance with the revised form; and
- .2 request port State control officers to note the situation, and use discretion when the ship does not have the required cargo density information until the amendments to the IMSBC Code enter into force.

ANNEX

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Shipper	Transport document number
Consignee	Carrier
Name/means of transport	Instructions or other matters
Port/place of departure	
Port/place of destination	
General description of the cargo (Type of material/particle size)	Gross mass (kg/tonnes)
Specifications of bulk cargo, if applicable: Stowage factor: Bulk density (as required by SOLAS regulation XII/10): Angle of repose, if applicable: Trimming procedures: Chemical properties if potential hazard*: * e.g. class and UN No. and/or MHB hazard(s)	
Group of the cargo ☐ Group A and B ☐ Group A ☐ Group B ☐ Group C	Transportable moisture limit For group A and B and group A cargoes Moisture content at shipment For group A and B and group A cargoes
Classification relating to MARPOL Annex V ☐ harmful to the marine environment ☐ not harmful to the marine environment Relevant special properties of the cargo (e.g. highly soluble in water)	Additional certificate(s)* ☐ Certificate of moisture content and transportable moisture limit ☐ Weathering certificate ☐ Exemption certificate ☐ Other (specify) * If required
DECLARATION I hereby declare that the consignment is fully and accurately described and that the given test results and other specifications are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and can be considered as representative for the cargo to be loaded.	Name/status, company/organization of signatory Place and date Signature on behalf of shipper