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TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS IN PACKAGED FORM BY SEA

Amendment 31 to the IMDG Code

Amendment 31 to the IMDG Code enters into force on 1 January 2003. Amendment 30 may, however, be applied until 31 December 2003. Application of Amendment 31 is mandatory from 1 January 2004.

IMDG Code to become mandatory worldwide

MSC Resolution 123(75) makes the IMDG Code a mandatory part of the SOLAS 1974 Convention. Some parts of the Code still remain recommendatory, for instance Chapter 1.3 on training. The recommendatory provisions are listed in Volume 1, Chapter 1.1.1.5 of the Code.

Other noteworthy changes in the IMDG Code are:

- a new Multimodal Dangerous Goods Form is introduced
- new substances have been included
- provisions on multiple-element gas containers (MEGC) have been added to the Code.

Emergency Procedures (EmS)

The Emergency Procedures have been revised by the IMO. There are separate instructions for each type of substance in case of fire or leakage.

Publication of the IMDG Code, the Emergency Procedures and the Medical First Aid Guide

The IMO has published a new edition of the IMDG Code in two volumes, and a Supplement containing the Emergency Procedures and the Medical First Aid Guide. The names of the publications and order numbers are:

IMDG Code 2002 Edition	ID200E
Supplement to the IMDG Code 2002 Edition	ID210E

The publications can be ordered from:

International Maritime Organization
4 Albert Embankment
London SE1 7SR
United Kingdom
phone +44 20 7735 7611, fax +44 20 7587 3210
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IMO publications can also be obtained via certain bookstores in Finland.

The Finnish Maritime Administration Regulation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea

In consequence of Amendment 31 to the IMDG Code, the Finnish Maritime Administration has issued a Regulation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea (No. 11/30/2002). The Regulation is published below.

The Act on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (719/1994) and the Decree on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form (666/1998) have been published in the Statute Book of Finland. Both the Act and the Decree, as amended, are obtainable from the printing house Edita and are published on the Internet: www.finlex.fi.

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**FINNISH MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION**

REGULATION

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Based on: The Act on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (719/1994),
Sections 8, 10a, 13a and 24

Validity: 1.1.2003 – until further notice

Repeals: The Finnish Maritime Administration's Order concerning the Transport
of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea, 22 December 2000,
No. 6/30/2000

**FINNISH MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
REGULATION
ON THE TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS IN PACKAGED FORM BY SEA**

Helsinki, 18 December 2002

The Finnish Maritime Administration has issued the following Regulation under sections 8, 10a, 13a and 24 of the Act on the Transport of Dangerous Goods of 2 August 1994 (719/1994), as they stand in Act 124/2001:

Section 1
Scope of application

Subject to what is provided in the Decree on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea (666/1998), this Regulation shall be complied with in the transport of dangerous goods in packaged form by sea.

Section 2
The IMDG Code

- (1) In the Decree on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea, the IMDG Code means the 2002 edition of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (Amendment 31) of the International Maritime Organization.
- (2) Amendment 30 to the IMDG Code may, however, be applied until 31 December 2003. The IMDG Code, including Amendment 31, will become a mandatory instrument under the SOLAS Convention on 1 January 2004.
The consignor shall make a note in the documents as to which Amendment is applied.

Section 3

Classification of dangerous goods

(Amended by FMA Regulation 30 Jan. 2003, No. 11/30/2002,
which enters into force on 1 Feb. 2003)

- (1) Information on the classification of dangerous goods in specific cases is available from the Finnish Maritime Administration. Dangerous goods are classified in section 4 of the Decree on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea (666/1998) in accordance with the IMDG Code. In cases where the IMDG Code requires that the goods are classified or the classification is approved by a competent authority, the competent authority is the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority with respect to class 7 and the Safety Technology Authority with respect to the other classes. Provisions on classifications made and approvals given by a foreign competent authority are set out in section 4 of the Decree.
- (2) In the case of biological products and diagnostic specimens, compliance with the requirements of the national public health authorities shall also be ensured.
- (3) If a dead animal is known or is reasonably believed to contain infectious substances, the transport of the animal should be carried out in compliance not only with this Regulation but also with the provisions on the handling of animal waste issued by the competent authority of the country of origin of the animal waste, which in Finland is the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Animals which contain or are contaminated with genetically modified micro-organisms and organisms that meet the definition of an infectious substance shall be transported in accordance with conditions specified by the competent authority.
- (4) The Board for Gene Technology issues instructions on the transport of genetically modified organisms in case the organisms are known or reasonably believed to be hazardous to humans, animals or the environment. In international transport, genetically modified organisms shall be transported in accordance with the instructions of the competent authority of the country of origin.

Section 4

Packagings and tanks

Provisions on the approval and conformity assessment of packagings and tanks used for the transport of dangerous goods are included in section 3 of the Government Decree on the Conformity Assessment of Packagings and Tanks used for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (302/2001).

Section 5

Transport documents

- (1) Documentation of dangerous goods, as referred to in section 8 of the Act on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (719/1994), section 12 of the Decree on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea (666/1998) and the IMDG Code, can be made on forms identical with the appended form. If necessary, similar forms containing the same information may be used.
- (2) In Finland, the certificates for transport of radioactive materials, provided for in the IMDG Code (Volume 1, Chapter 5.1.5), are issued by the Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority.

Section 6
Publications to be carried on board

Any ship carrying dangerous goods in packaged form shall carry the following publications on board:

- (1) the Decree on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea (666/1998);
- (2) this Regulation;
- (3) an up-to-date issue of the IMDG Code;
- (4) the Emergency Procedures (EmS); and
- (5) the Medical First Aid Guide (MFAG).

Section 7
Reporting obligations

Provisions on the reporting obligation of ships carrying dangerous goods are included in the Decree on Reporting Obligations of Ships Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods (869/1994).

Section 8
Entry into force

- (1) This Regulation enters into force on 1 January 2003.
- (2) This Regulation repeals the Finnish Maritime Administration's Order concerning the Transport of Dangerous Goods in Packaged Form by Sea (No. 6/30/2000).

Helsinki, 18 December 2002

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MULTIMODAL DANGEROUS GOODS FORM

This form may be used as a dangerous goods declaration as it meets the requirements of SOLAS 74, chapter VII, regulation 4; MARPOL 73/78, Annex III, regulation 4.

1 Shipper/Consignor/Sender		2 Transport document number		
		3 Page 1 of pages	4 Shipper's reference	
		5 Freight forwarder's reference		
6 Consignee		7 Carrier (to be completed by the carrier)		
		SHIPPER'S DECLARATION I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described below by the Proper Shipping Name and are classified, packaged, marked and labelled/placarded and are in all respects in proper condition for transport according to the applicable international and national governmental regulations		
8 This shipment is within the limitations prescribed for: (Delete non-applicable)		9 Additional handling information		
PASSENGER AND CARGO AIRCRAFT	CARGO AIRCRAFT ONLY			
10 Vessel/flight No. and date	11 Port/place of loading			
12 Port/place of discharge	13 Destination			
14 Shipping marks		* Number and kind of packages; description of goods	Gross mass (kg)	Net mass (kg)
Cube (m ³)				
15 Container identification No./ vehicle registration No.	16 Seal number(s)	17 Container/vehicle size & type	18 Tare mass (kg)	19 Total gross mass (including tare) (kg)
CONTAINER/VEHICLE PACKING CERTIFICATE I hereby declare that the goods described above have been packed/loaded into the container/vehicle identified above in accordance with the applicable provisions. † MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED FOR ALL CONTAINER/VEHICLE LOADS BY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PACKING/LOADING		21 RECEIVING ORGANIZATION RECEIPT Received the above number of packages/containers/trailers in apparent good order and condition, unless stated hereon: RECEIVING ORGANIZATION REMARKS:		
20 Name of company	Haulier's name		22 Name of company (OF SHIPPER PREPARING THIS NOTE)	
Name/status of declarant	Vehicle reg. no.		Name/status of declarant	
Place and date	Signature and date		Place and date	
Signature of declarant	DRIVER'S SIGNATURE		Signature of declarant	

*** DANGEROUS GOODS:**

You must specify: Proper Shipping Name, hazard class, UN No., packing group, (where assigned) marine pollutant and observe the mandatory requirements under applicable national and international governmental regulations. For the purposes of the IMDG Code see 5.4.1.4.

† For the purposes of the IMDG Code, see 5.4.2.