

Commonwealth of Dominica**Office of the Maritime Administrator**

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code)

REFERENCE:

- (a) SOLAS 1974, Chapter VII
- (b) IMO Assembly Resolution A.716(17) of 6 November 1991
- (c) Amendment 28-96 to the IMDG Code, effective 1 July 1997

PURPOSE: This Notice specifies the IMDG Code requirements for all vessels under Dominica International Registry.

APPLICABILITY: This Notice applies to all vessels under Dominica International Registry except Mobile Offshore Drilling Units

REQUIREMENTS:**1.0 General Regulations**

The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS 74) Chapter VII prescribes the general regulations for the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form or in solid form in bulk.

2.0 Publications

- 2.1 The International Maritime Organization (IMO) first adopted the IMDG Code in 1965. This Code describes in detail the requirements for packaging, marking, documentation, stowage, and reporting of incidents involving dangerous goods. The Code is published in four volumes including an Annex I. A Supplement to the Code must be ordered separately.
- 2.2 The Supplement includes Emergency Procedures (EmS), Medical First Aid Guide (MFAG), Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code), Reporting Procedures, Packaging Guidelines and Use of Pesticides in Ships.

- 2.3 There have been three (3) errata issued correcting the IMDG Code 2000 Edition. The first (1st) errata were issued with the first printing and the corrections were incorporated into the second printing. The second (2nd) errata were issued with the second printing of the Code. The third (3rd) errata have not been issued in print. Therefore, they must be downloaded from the IMO web page: www.imo.org/imdg/intro.htm.

3.0 Compliance

- 3.1 Dominica is party to MARPOL 73/78, including Annex I (Oil), Annex II (Noxious Liquid Substances) and Annex V (Garbage). Optional Annex III of MARPOL includes the "Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances Carried by Sea in Packaged Form". The IMDG Code duplicates the language of Annex III, MARPOL. Under the Control Provisions of Article V of MARPOL, port states may inspect Dominica vessels for compliance with applicable portions of the "Procedures for the Control of Operational Requirements Related to the Safety of Ships and Pollution Prevention", including whether or not ships meet the criterion established in Annex III and the IMDG Code.
- 3.2 All Dominica registered vessels carrying dangerous goods in package form or in solid bulk form must have on board the latest copy of the IMDG Code.
- 3.3 All Dominica registered vessels also must have on board the Supplement to the IMDG Code.

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