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IMDG Code Amendments Enacted

Amendment 42-24 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code took transitional effect from 1 January 2025.

It is understood the new amendment may be used on an optional basis initially, with Amendment 41-22 otherwise remaining mandatorily in force until 1 January 2026.

In a recent Marine Industry Note (MIN), the United Kingdom Government observed that Amendment 42-24 had introduced multiple amendments to the IMDG Code.

“Many of which are editorial in nature, are harmonisations with the United Nations (UN) Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, or are updates to references to, for example, International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards,” it stated.

“Some amendments will have a greater impact than others. Amendment 42-24 is a consolidated edition of the IMDG Code, meaning that the full text of the Code is replaced.

“The annex to Resolution MSC.556(108) contains the full revised text of the Code.”

The MIN document summarised key changes under the following topics.

- marine pollutants
- electric vehicles
- new UN numbers
- special provisions
- devices containing dangerous goods, which are in use or intended for use during transport
- stowage plan
- carbon
- certificates exempting a substance, material or article

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