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To the Members

IMSBC Code Amendments 08-25－New and Revised Cargo Schedules

Amendments 08-25 to the IMSBC Code will enter into force on 1 January 2027. We have obtained information from the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Regulatory News No. 18/2026, entitled "IMSBC CODE AMENDMENTS 08-25 — NEW & REVISED CARGO SCHEDULES", which outlines the key changes and practical considerations under the amendments.

This publication provides a concise summary of critical changes, such as the reclassification of fish meal as dangerous goods, along with nine practical recommendations for owners and operators to note (including the re-issuance of certificates, updates to shipboard procedures, and familiarisation of the crew). For further details, please refer to the website of the ABS.

Solid bulk cargoes possess inherent risks that can directly lead to major maritime casualties, such as loss of stability due to cargo liquefaction or fires caused by self-heating. To prevent such incidents, it is extremely important to obtain accurate cargo information from shippers and strictly comply with the individual cargo schedules stipulated in the Code. Furthermore, from a loss prevention perspective, Members are encouraged to ensure continuous and appropriate training for crew members involved in cargo handling, to help seafarers fully understand the potential hazards during loading and carriage, properly apply the Code, and maintain a high level of safety awareness.

We sincerely appreciate our Members' ongoing dedication to the safe carriage of cargoes. Taking this Code amendment as an opportunity, we hope this information will serve as a useful aid for Members to once again review the latest carriage requirements for their intended cargoes and ensure appropriate accident prevention.

We will continue to provide the latest information and technical insights to assist our Members in preventing accidents.

Yours faithfully,

The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association