

Statutory alert: Amendments to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC) Code

Applicability: All shipowners and operators involved in transporting solid bulk cargoes

IMO [Resolution MSC.318\(89\)](#) introduces amendments to the International Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code). The amendments will be adopted on a voluntary basis on January 1, 2012, and become mandatory on January 1, 2013.

As well as various editorial amendments, the changes to the Code include:

- removal of the 'Wood Pulp Pellets' cargo schedule
- addition of a 'Wood Products – General' cargo schedule
- clarification of where use of the term competent authority means the Flag Administration.

Lloyd's Register will update IMSBC Code certification to include the cargo schedules changes from January 1, 2012.

What should owners and operators do now?

Owners and operators of ships intending to carry solid bulk cargoes (especially timber products) should make themselves aware of the new requirements by January 1, 2012.

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