

Mexico Publishes International Maritime Dangerous Goods ('IMDG') Code

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Mexico, which is a party to the SOLAS and MARPOL conventions, published the complete text of the IMDG Code in the Official Gazette of the Federation on May 20, 2016 in order to publicize the provisions of this code.

Amendments to SOLAS chapter VII (Transport of Dangerous Goods) adopted in May 2002 under Resolution 123(75) of IMO's Maritime Safety Committee made the IMDG Code mandatory as of January 1, 2014.

Mexico published Resolution 123(75) on December 6, 2013, as an amendment to the SOLAS convention; however, the publication of the IMDG Code was pending.

Although the IMDG Code has been applied in Mexico as part of SOLAS, the latest publication of the referred code in Mexico is important as an official instrument to publicize knowledge of the maritime industry in Mexico, to both the government and the private sector.

The IMDG Code contains detailed technical specifications to enable dangerous goods to be transported safely by sea. Also, the IMDG Code provides basic principles for substances, materials and goods, and a number of recommendations for best practices including advice on terminology, packing, labeling, stowage, handling, and emergency measures.

The two-volume IMDG Code is divided into seven parts:

Volume 1 contains sections on:

- general provisions, definitions, and training
- classification
- packing and tank provisions
- consignment procedures
- construction and testing of packaging
- transport operations

Volume 2 contains:

- Dangerous Goods List, presented in tabular format
- Appendices

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