

ANNEX 25

**RESOLUTION MSC.304(87)
(adopted on 14 May 2010)**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE SAFE LOADING
AND UNLOADING OF BULK CARRIERS (BLU CODE)**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.862(20), by which the Assembly, at its twentieth session, adopted the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code), as further amended by resolution MSC.238(82);

NOTING that the Assembly requested the Committee to keep the Code under review and amend it as may be necessary,

RECOGNIZING the need to amend the Code in view of the envisaged mandatory application of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eighty-seventh session, amendments to the BLU Code prepared by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers, at its fourteenth session,

1. ADOPTS the amendments to the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. DETERMINES that the above-said amendments should become effective on 1 January 2011.

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Section 1 Definitions

1 The following new paragraph 1.2 is inserted after the existing paragraph 1.1:

"1.2 *Bulk Cargo Shipping Name (BCSN)* identifies a bulk cargo during transport by sea. When a cargo is listed in the IMSBC Code, the Bulk Cargo Shipping Name of the cargo is identified by capital letters in the individual schedules or in the index. When the cargo is a dangerous good, as defined in the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, as defined in regulation VII/1.1 of the SOLAS Convention, the Proper Shipping Name of that cargo is the Bulk Cargo Shipping Name.",

and existing paragraphs 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 are renumbered as 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5, respectively.

2 The following new paragraph 1.6 is inserted after renumbered paragraph 1.5:

"1.6 *IMSBC Code* means the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code as defined in regulation VI/1.1 of the SOLAS Convention.",

and existing paragraphs 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 are renumbered as 1.7, 1.8 and 1.9, respectively.

3 The following new paragraph 1.10 is inserted after renumbered paragraph 1.9:

"1.10 *Solid bulk cargo* means any cargo, other than a liquid or a gas, consisting of a combination of particles, granules or any larger pieces of material generally uniform in composition which is loaded directly into the cargo spaces of a ship without any intermediate form of containment.",

and existing paragraphs 1.8, 1.9, 1.10 and 1.11 are renumbered as 1.11, 1.12, 1.13 and 1.14, respectively.

Section 3 Procedures between ship and shore prior to the ship's arrival

4 The existing subparagraph .3 of paragraph 3.2.2 is replaced by the following:

".3 nature and stowage of cargo already on board and, when solid bulk cargoes are on board, the Bulk Cargo Shipping Name (BCSN), the IMSBC Code Class and UN Number, when applicable."

Section 5 Cargo loading and handling of ballast

5 In paragraph 5.1.4, the words "IMO Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code)" are replaced by the words "IMSBC Code".

Appendix 4

Guidelines for completing ship/shore safety check list

- 6 In paragraph 12, the words "IMO BC Code" are replaced by the words "IMSBC Code".
- 7 In paragraph 17, the words "BC Code" are replaced by the words "IMSBC Code".

Appendix 5

Form for cargo information (recommended layout)

- 8 The recommended Form for cargo information is replaced with the recommended form in section 4.2.3 of the IMSBC Code.
