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<b>TITLE    APPLICATION OF IMSBC CODE 4TH AMENDMENT</b>			

**To All Shipowners and Ships Managers of Malaysian Vessels,**

1. The International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code is subject to updates every two years to reflect the changes in the nature and variety of solid bulk cargoes presented for shipment. In June 2017, IMO's Maritime Safety Committee adopted Resolution MSC.426 (98) which is referred as "IMSBC Code 4th amendment".
2. These amendments will enter into force on or after 01 January 2019 and it is mandatory for all ships that load solid bulk cargoes.
3. The new requirements explicitly assign the shipper with the responsibility to ensure that the test for determining the transportable moisture limit (TML) of a solid bulk cargo has been carried out within six months prior to the date of loading of such bulk cargo.
4. Additionally, the interval between sampling/testing for the moisture content of solid bulk cargo and the commencement of loading is not to be more than seven days so as to ensure that the moisture content of the cargo is less than its TML.
5. Four solid bulk cargoes for which a fixed gas fire-extinguishing system may be exempted have been identified and added to the list published by IMO as MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev. 2.
6. Ship owners and operators are advised to ensure their vessels comply with the amended IMSBC Code requirements.
7. IMO Resolution MSC.426 (98) and MSC.1/Circ.1395/Rev. 2 can be found on the link provided:

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