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Dear Port Users

NEW IMDG CODE (2008 EDITION)

- 1 Please refer to the attached MPA Circular No 8 on the "Amendment 34-08 To The International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code".
- 2 We would like to highlight a key amendment to the above-mentioned IMDG Code, effective on 1 January 2010, at para 2(3):

"Appropriate training for shore-side staff involved with dangerous goods is now mandatory instead of just recommended, and may be audited by the competent authority (MPA). Persons not yet trained may only operate under the direct supervision of a trained person."

- 3 It is advisable to send your shore-side staff for the mandatory training in advance. We would appreciate if you could liaise with training providers directly and contact JP HR training officer at 66609051 only if you need further advice.

Contact number for training providers as follows:

- Dangerous Goods Training & Consultancy (DGCT) - 64439550 / 91291346
 - PSA Institute - 67717307
 - Singapore Shipping Association - Tel 62225238
- 4 If you need more clarifications, please contact
 - I. David Ng at 66609503 or email: davidng@jp.com.sg or
 - II. Ivan Tan at 66609732 or email: ivantan@jp.com.sg or
 - III. FSD duty officer at 66609552 or email: jpfss@jp.com.sg

Thank you.

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AMENDMENT 34-08 TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG) CODE

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Applicable to: This circular is for the attention of ship owners, managers, operators, agents, masters, crew members, surveyors and terminal operators (and their ship/cargo handling contractors), DG training providers.

1. MPA's shipping circular [No. 13 of 2008](#) (8 Jul 08) informs the shipping community of resolution MSC.262(84) on the amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. The new amendments to the Code are mandatory on 1 Jan 10.
2. The many detailed changes introduced by Amendment 34-08 include the following:
 1. 12 new UN numbers going up to 3481 in the dangerous goods list, with explosives going up to 0508 ;
 2. 5 UN numbers which were previously not listed in the IMDG Code ;
 3. Appropriate training for shore-side staff involved with dangerous goods is now mandatory instead of just recommended, and may be audited by the competent authority (MPA). Persons not yet trained may only operate under the direct supervision of a trained person; and
 4. Additional changes concerning marine pollutants, IMO tank instructions, excepted quantities, limited quantities and radioactive materials of class 7.

Mandatory training for shore-side staff involved in dangerous goods

3. As the Competent Authority, MPA is reviewing the current DG training arrangements to ensure that the mandatory training requirements are met under the new IMDG Code. These include:
 1. System of approval and audit of training service providers;
 2. Review and accreditation of DG courses; and
 3. Enforcement of new mandatory training requirements.
4. MPA will be consulting the shipping community and in particular training service providers in order to bring about a smooth implementation of the mandatory training requirement by 1 Jan 2010. A future shipping circular will provide further details.

Publication of the new edition of the IMDG Code

5. The new edition (2008) of the IMDG Code, the standard guide to all aspects of handling dangerous goods and marine pollutants in sea transport, has been published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in hard copy and downloadable version and as an internet subscription. The new edition includes the changes in Amendment 34-08, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) in May 2008.
6. Although the information in the Code is directed primarily at the mariner, its provisions are essential for a whole range of industries and services. Manufacturers, packers, shippers, feeder services such as road and rail, and port authorities will find reliable advice on terminology, packing, labeling, classification, stowage, segregation, and emergency response action.
7. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to the Hazardous Cargo Section (Tel 63252421) or Mr Philip Yeo Hock Beng (Tel 63752424).

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