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Reference	SOLAS Ch. VII, Reg. 4: Packing and Tank Provisions

SOLAS Ch. VII Reg. 4, PART 4 – PACKING AND TANK PROVISIONS

Chapter 4.1 – Use of packagings, including intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) and large packagings

4.1.1 General provisions for the packing of dangerous goods in packagings including IBCs and large packagings

4.1.1.1 At the end, replace "or reused" with ", reused or remanufactured". MSC 87/26/Add.1 Annex 8, page 43

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4.1.1.2 Add a new subparagraph .3 to read as follows:

".3 shall not allow permeation of the dangerous goods that could constitute a danger under normal conditions of transport".

4.1.1.3 Replace the second sentence with the following:

"However, IBCs manufactured before 1 January 2011 and conforming to a design type which has not passed the vibration test of 6.5.6.13 or which was not required to meet the criteria of 6.5.6.9.5.4 at the time it was subjected to the drop test, may still be used."

4.1.4 List of packing instructions

4.1.5 Special packing provisions for goods of class 1

4.1.5.5 Replace the existing paragraph with the following:

"4.1.5.5 Unless otherwise specified in this Code, packagings, including IBCs and large packagings, shall conform to the requirements of chapters 6.1, 6.5 or 6.6, as appropriate, and shall meet their test provisions for packing group II."

4.1.6 Special packing provisions for goods of class 2

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4.1.6.1 General provisions

4.1.6.1.8 In the last paragraph, replace "the requirements of annex B of ISO 10297:1999" with "the requirements of annex A of ISO 10297:2006". At the end, add the following new paragraph:

"For metal hydride storage systems, the valve protection requirements specified in ISO 16111:2008 shall be met."

REFERENCES:

- **SOLAS Ch. VII, Reg. 4: Packing and Tank Provisions**

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