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Subject:	Amendments to the BCH Code and the IBC Code
Reference:	IMO Resolution MEPC.249(66) & MEPC.250(66)

Amendments to the BCH Code and the IBC Code

The amendments are expected to be entered into force on 1 January 2016

IMO MEPC 66 adopted, by resolutions MEPC.249 (66) and MEPC.250 (66), the amendments to the BCH Code and IBC Code respectively. The two amendments are expected to be entered into force on 1 January 2016.

The amendments to the BCH Code require all ships, subject to the BCH Code, shall be fitted with an approved stability instrument capable of verifying compliance with the relevant intact and damage stability requirements.

The amendments to the IBC Code are related to Chapters 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 15, 17 and the Certificate of Fitness of the IBC Code. It is required that all ships, subject to the IBC Code, shall be fitted with an approved stability instrument capable of verifying compliance with the relevant intact and damage stability requirements.

The changes also include cargo tank venting and gas-freeing arrangements due to amendments in SOLAS regulations in relation to inert gas systems.

REFERENCES:

- IMO Resolution MEPC.249(66) & MEPC.250(66)

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