



TECHNICAL CIRCULAR No. 779 of 7th May 2023

To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Chemical Code
Reference	IBC/BCH Code

Chemical Code

IBC/BCH Code surveys Surveyors are to be alert when completing IBC/BCH Code surveys. If the Surveyor does not feel qualified to examine sensing devices for explosive or lethal vapors, change of pressure, temperature or oxygen, alarms for abnormal cargo levels, and protection of cargo and crew, the Surveyor can request that the Owner supply technically qualified consultants.

Required Documentation

An Owner's request for initial certification to IBC/BCH Code shall be forwarded to CONARINA Head Office together with a detailed list of chemicals to be carried.

Special Instructions, Multiple Certificates

Where an owner requests a chemical tanker to be certified to meet different ship types, multiple certificates can be issued. The master is to be advised that only one ship type applies at any given time and when operating under a Certificate of Fitness (CoF) for the less stringent Ship Type must be removed prior to operating on the less stringent Ship Type certificate. Multiple certificates are to be issued only when the vessel meets all the requirements for the applicable ship types and special requirements for the substances to be carried. Only one "Ship Type" is to be shown in the "Particulars of Ship" section of the COF.

If at the time of statutory surveys, the chemical tanker is either operating as or downgrading to a less stringent Ship Type, the scope and extent of the surveys shall still be those required for a chemical tanker for the more stringent Ship Type.

Unless otherwise specified by the administration, no IBC Code survey is required to upgrade/downgrade the Ship Type if the vessel has been issued the applicable CoFs for each Ship Type after satisfactory completion of the survey for a more stringent Ship Type.

Final:

IBC and BCH certificates in HSSC format are to be issued to any ship entitled to fly the flag of an Administration signatory to MARPOL 73/78, regardless of whether the administration is also signatory to the 1988 SOLAS and Load Line protocols.

If no findings exist, the Surveyor must issue a full-term Certificate.

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REFERENCES:

- IBC and BCH certificates

ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,

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