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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC)
Reference	SOLAS II-2/54

International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code

For a particular Group B cargo, if the vessel is required to comply with SOLAS II-2/54, as amended, or II-2/19, then the plans and drawings must be submitted to the CONARINA Head Office for review in order to verify compliance with these regulations, and the IMSBC Code, as applicable.

- a. Regulation II-2/19 is applicable to vessels built on or after 1 July 2002 and carrying dangerous goods classified in a class contained in SOLAS II-2/19 table 19.2.
- b. Regulation II-2/54, as amended, is applicable to vessels of 500 gross tonnes and greater built between 1 September 1984 and 1 July 2002, or vessels of less than 500 gross tonnes built between 1 February 1992 and 1 July 2002, and carrying dangerous goods classified in a class contained in SOLAS II-2/54 table 54.2.

Required Documentation

Surveyor is to verify that the vessel's approved loading manual, and trim and stability booklet are approved for the range of bulk cargoes carried regardless of Group A, B or C Cargo.

Note: "Range of Cargoes" means that the "stowage factor" indicated in the loading manual and trim and stability booklet is less than or equal to the stowage factor for the cargo(es) listed in the IMSBC Code Statement of Compliance. Where stowage factor is not indicated, the cargo density may be compared and is considered acceptable if the density indicated in the loading manual and trim and stability booklet is greater than or equal to the density for the cargo(es) listed in the IMSBC Code Statement of Compliance.

Task

Upon approval from the engineering department for Group B cargoes for Regulation II-2/19 or II-2/54 of SOLAS 1974, as amended, the Surveyor is to verify compliance.

Surveyor is to confirm an approved Grain Loading Manual is on board when angle of repose is less than or equal to 30 degrees.

Special Instructions

1 Italian Ports - Certification Required for Foreign Flag Vessels

The Italian Coast Guard requires foreign flag vessels transporting solid cargoes in bulk to be specifically certified when visiting Italian ports.

2 Vessel certified for IMSBC Code and Dangerous Goods (DOC DG)

For vessels constructed on or after 1 September 1984, engineering review for the carriage of dangerous goods of Group B cargoes (other than coal & all other MHB cargoes) as per SOLAS

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II-2/19 or II-2/54, as amended, is to be carried out in addition to the review under the provisions of the IMSBC Code.

While carrying out surveys for IMDG Code cargoes, the attending Surveyor is to verify if the vessel has a Document of Compliance for IMDG cargoes covered by the IMSBC Code SOC issued to the vessel.

In the case where the existing Document of Compliance does not list one or more IMDG cargoes covered by the IMSBC Code SOC issued to the vessel, the attending Surveyor is to proceed as follows:

- If the engineering review has been carried out for carriage of IMSBC Group B cargoes in bulk for compliance with the IMSBC Code and SOLAS II- 2/19, then the existing Document of Compliance on board is to be issued to include the cargo in the section of the certificate applicable to bulk cargoes.
- If the engineering review has been carried out for carriage of IMSBC Group B cargoes in bulk for compliance with the IMSBC Code but has not been reviewed for compliance with SOLAS II-2/19, then engineering review for these cargoes is to be carried out before they can be included on the Document of Compliance. The existing Document of Compliance is to be issued after engineering review is completed and the survey carried out.

Finals

Upon satisfactory completion of the examination of Survey items, including the new requirements adopted as MSC.354(92), a revised IMSBC Code SOC is to be issued.

When issuing SoC's for IMSBC Code Requirements, one certificate is to be issued for Group A and C Cargoes, and one for Group B Cargoes with validity dates matching the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate and Flag Exemption Certificate.

REFERENCES:

- IMSBC Code.

ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,

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