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**To: All Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Ship Owners, Vessel Operators,
Shippers and Other Interested Parties**

**Subject: Publication of New IMDG Code Edition 2014 Amendment (37-14)
& EHS Requirements**

The new edition (2014) of the IMDG Code has been published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and this edition includes the changes in Amendment 37-14. The new amendments to the Code are mandatory from **1st January 2016**.

The many detailed changes introduced by Amendment 37-14 includes but not limited to the following:

- There is a new section setting out conditions when specified types of lamp are exempt from the IMDG Code's provisions.
- There is a new paragraph 1.1.2.3 referencing the International Convention for Safe Containers, 1972, as amended.
- Throughout the new Amendment there are updates to provisions concerning class 7 primarily to reflect the changes to the IAEA "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 2012 Edition, IAEA Safety Standards Series No. SSR-6, IAEA, Vienna (2012).
- There are several changes to the classification provisions in Part 2, including changes to PSNs for several class entries.
- For marine pollutants there is a new 2.10.2.7 which provides conditional exemptions from the majority of the IMDG Code's provisions.
- There are numerous updates to the Dangerous Goods List (DGL) in 3.2 including the addition of 20 new UN Numbers from UN 3507 to UN 3526.
- Column 16 of the DGL is now split into columns 16a and 16b and stowage and segregation requirements are now coded, stowage and handling codes in 16a; segregation codes in 16b.
- There are many revisions to the packing instructions, including those for IBCs and large packagings and a number of new packing instructions: P208, P505, P805, P908, P909, LP903, LP904.
- Clarifications on the design and dimensions of various package marks, labels and placards have been provided including the 'marine pollutant' and 'limited quantity' markings.
- There are a few changes to documentation requirements in Chapter 5.4 e.g. clarification of the requirements for 'marine pollutant' endorsements.
- There are several changes to Part 6 of the Code, particularly to the provisions for packagings for class 7 (chapter 6.4) and pressure receptacles, aerosol dispensers and gas cartridges (chapter 6.2).
- In chapter 6.6, 'large salvage packagings' are added.
- There are numerous changes to Part 7 to reflect the new columns 16a and 16b in the DGL.
- There are new explanatory notes in 7.1.5, 7.1.6 and 7.2.8 respectively for the stowage (SW), handling (H) and segregation codes (SG) now appearing in columns 16a and 16b.

- There is a new segregation requirement in 7.2.4. Flammable gases (class 2.1) and flammable liquids (class 3) must now be 'separated from' substances which, in contact with water, emit flammable gases (class 4.3). This reflects the changes adopted for these classes in the DGL.
- There is also a new segregation requirement provided by SG26 which states "In addition: from goods of classes 2.1 and 3 when stowed on deck of a containership a minimum distance of two container spaces athwartship shall be maintained, when stowed on ro-ro ships a distance of 6 m athwartship shall be maintained". This applies to almost all class 4.3s (including sub-risks) and also covers metal powders and peroxides etc. in other classes.

EHS will enforce the new IMDG code Amendment 37-14 requirements from **1st January 2016**.

With your co-operation in complying with the code requirements, we hope to keep our ports safe and clean.

Please send your enquiries to EHS.Ports@trk.pfc.ae , if you require any further clarifications.

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