

IMO Updates (adopted by MSC 84)

Different between old and new Codes:

While both codes have three levels of compliance (i.e. compliance with passenger ship requirements) depending on the number of special purpose personnel, the original Code used 50 and 200 special purpose personnel as criteria, and the new Code uses 60 and 240 persons.

The revised Code refers to the new damage stability requirements in force from 1st January 2009.

In the revised Code it is also underline that special puepose personnel include personnel engaged in training for a professional career at sea, and accommodation industrial personnel not working on board (accommodation vessels).

Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code MSC 84 adopted the bi-annual set of amendments to the Code (34-08), including changes to provisions for the certain substances (such as changes in requirements for documentation for dangerous goods in excepted quantities), results from UN Sub-Committee on Experts relating to UN Recommendations on transport of dangerous goods and a large number of minor amendments; in force from 1st January 2010.

Material safety data sheets

2007 SOALS Amendments

The following new regulation SOLAS Ch. VI Reg. 5-1 was added:

- Material safety data sheets for the cargo carried by ships carring MARPOL Annex I cargoes and marine fuel oils.
- Material safety data sheets to be provided prior to the loading of such cargoes based on the recommendations developed by IMO.
- The amendments were sdopted by resolution MSC.2 Amendments, and enter into on 1st July 2009.