Directive 2001/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 December 2001 establishing harmonised requirements and procedures for the safe loading and unloading of bulk carriers (Text with EEA relevance)

Article 7

Responsibilities of masters and terminal representatives

Member States shall make the necessary arrangements to ensure that the following principles concerning the responsibilities of masters and terminal representatives are respected and applied:

1. Responsibilities of the master:

    (a) the master shall be responsible at all times for the safe loading and unloading of the bulk carrier under his command;

    (b) the master shall, well in advance of the ship's estimated time of arrival at the terminal, provide the terminal with the information set out in Annex III;

    (c) before any solid bulk cargo is loaded, the master shall ensure that he has received the cargo information required by Regulation VI/2.2 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, and, where required, a solid bulk cargo density declaration. This information shall be contained in a cargo declaration form as set out in Appendix 5 of the BLU Code;

    (d) prior to the start of and during loading or unloading the master shall discharge the duties listed in Annex IV.

2. Responsibilities of the terminal representative:

    (a) upon receipt of the ship's initial notification of its estimated time of arrival, the terminal representative shall provide the master with the information mentioned in Annex V;

    (b) the terminal representative shall be satisfied that the master has been advised as early as possible of the information contained in the cargo declaration form;

    (c) the terminal representative shall without delay notify the master and the port State control authority of apparent deficiencies he has noted on board a bulk carrier which could endanger the safe loading or unloading of solid bulk cargoes;

    (d) prior to the start of and during loading or unloading, the terminal representative shall discharge the duties listed in Annex VI.