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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2367**

**The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods  
and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997**

**PART III**

**Carriage of Dangerous Goods or Marine Pollutants in Bulk**

**20.**—(1) Dangerous goods or marine pollutants shall not be handled or carried in bulk in any ship if the operator has any cause to believe that such goods may not be so handled or carried safely in that ship.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1):

- (a) where the dangerous goods or marine pollutants in question are goods listed in Chapter VI of the BCH Code, or in Chapter 17 of the IBC Code, or in Chapter XIX of the Gas Carrier Code for Existing Ships, or in Chapter XIX of the Gas Carrier Code, or in Chapter 19 of the IGC Code, or are classified dangerous goods listed in Appendix B of the Solid Bulk Cargoes Code, they shall be handled and carried in accordance with the requirements of whichever of the codes is appropriate; or
- (b) where the dangerous goods or marine pollutants, in question consist of a liquid chemical or a liquefied gas which is not listed in the Codes mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), they shall be handled and carried in accordance with an approval given by the Secretary of State. Any such approval shall be given in writing and shall specify the date on which it takes effect and the conditions (if any) on which it is given.

(3) If there is any breach of paragraphs (1) or (2) the operator and master shall each be guilty of an offence.

**Documentation**

**21.**—(1) The shipper of any dangerous goods or marine pollutants to be carried in bulk shall provide the operator or the master with a notification in writing giving notice of the nature of the goods and, in the case of liquid goods with a flashpoint at or below 60 degrees celsius (closed cup), specifying the flashpoint of those goods. Such notification shall specify the correct technical name of the goods, their UN number (if any) and, for dangerous goods carried in solid form in bulk, the classification as listed in the IMDG Code to which those goods belong.

(2) If a shipper of any dangerous goods or marine pollutants in bulk—

- (a) fails to provide the operator or the master with a notification in writing, or
- (b) provides a notification which he knows to be false or recklessly provides a notification which is false in a material particular, he shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) The master of a ship carrying dangerous goods or marine pollutants in bulk shall cause a specific list, manifest or stowage plan to be carried in the ship for the voyage on which it is currently engaged:

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- (a) setting out details, obtained from the shipping documents submitted by the shipper, of the dangerous goods or marine pollutants carried aboard the ship for the voyage on which it is currently engaged including the correct technical name of the goods, their mass or volume and, where the dangerous goods are shown in Appendix B of the Bulk Cargoes Code, the Classification in accordance with the IMDG Code; and
  - (b) showing details of the location in the ship where the goods are stowed.
- (4) The master shall also carry in the ship any additional special documents where required by the Bulk Cargoes Code, the BCH or IBC Codes or the IGC or Gas Carrier Codes for the carriage of dangerous goods or marine pollutants.
- (5) Any such list, manifest or stowage plan and any additional special documents required for the acceptance of such goods for carriage in the ship shall be kept available for reference or inspection on board the ship until the goods have been discharged from the ship.
- (6) If the master of a ship carrying dangerous goods or marine pollutants in bulk fails to cause a list or stowage plan or any additional special documents referred to in paragraph (3) to be carried in the ship or kept available as required by paragraph (5), he shall be guilty of an offence.