

**RESOLUTION MSC.122(75)**  
**(adopted on 24 May 2002)**

**ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME  
DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG) CODE**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

NOTING the adoption by the Assembly of resolution A.716(17) on the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code,

RECOGNIZING the need to provide a mandatory application of the agreed international standards for the carriage of dangerous goods by sea,

NOTING ALSO resolution MSC.123(75) by which it adopted amendments to chapter VII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), to make the provisions of the IMDG Code mandatory under the Convention,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-fifth session, the text of the proposed IMDG Code,

1. ADOPTS the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. NOTES that, under the aforementioned amendments to chapter VII of the Convention, future amendments to the IMDG Code shall be adopted, brought into force and shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the Convention concerning the amendment procedures applicable to the Annex to the Convention other than chapter I thereof;
3. INVITES Contracting Governments to the Convention to note that the IMDG Code will take effect on 1 January 2004 upon entry into force of the amendments to chapter VII of the Convention;
4. AGREES that Contracting Governments to the Convention may apply the IMDG Code in whole or in part on a voluntary basis as from 1 January 2003;
5. REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit certified copies of this resolution and its Annex to all Contracting Governments to the Convention;
6. FURTHER REQUESTS the Secretary-General to transmit copies of this resolution and its Annex to all Members of the Organization which are not Contracting Governments to the Convention;
7. NOTES that the annexed IMDG Code supersedes the existing Code adopted by resolution A.716(17).

ANNEX

**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG) CODE**

(For reasons of economy, the complete text of the IMDG Code, as given in document DSC 6/15/Add.1, has not been reproduced here.)

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