

International Grain Code

International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk

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The following amendments to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its 108th session by resolution MSC.552(108) and enter into force on 1 January 2026.

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Part A

Specific requirements

2 Definitions

1 *The following new definition is added after existing paragraph 2.7:*

“2.8 The term *especially suitable compartment, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed* refers to a specially suitable compartment which is not filled to the maximum extent possible in way of the hatch opening but is filled to a level equal with or above the bottom edge of the hatch end beams and has not been trimmed outside the periphery of the hatch opening by the provisions of A 10.4.”

10 Stowage of bulk grain

2 *The reference to “B 6” in paragraph 10.3.1 is replaced with “B 7”.*

3 *The following new paragraph is inserted after existing paragraph 10.3 and the subsequent paragraphs are renumbered accordingly:*

“10.4 In any “specially suitable compartment, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed”, the bulk grain shall be filled to a level equal with or above the bottom edge of the hatch end beams but may be at its natural angle of repose outside the periphery of the hatch opening. A compartment may qualify for this classification if it is “specially suitable” as defined in A 2.7, in which case dispensation may be granted from trimming the ends of that compartment.”

4 *Renumbered paragraph 10.7 (existing paragraph 10.6) is replaced by the following:*

“10.7 After loading, all free grain surfaces in partly filled compartments shall be level unless the compartment is partly filled in accordance with the provisions of A 10.4, in which case the free grain surface in way of the hatch opening only shall be level.”

5 *The reference to “B 5.2” in renumbered paragraph 10.10.3 (existing paragraph 10.9.3) is replaced with “B 6.2”.*

14 Saucers

6 *The reference to “A 10.9” in paragraph 14.1 is replaced with “A 10.10”.*

Part B

Calculation of assumed heeling moments and general assumptions

1 General assumptions

7 *The following new paragraph 1.1.5 is added after existing paragraph 1.1.4:*

- “5 In a “specially suitable compartment, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed” which is exempted from trimming under the provisions of A 10.4, it shall be assumed that the surface of the grain after loading will slope in all directions away from the filling area at an angle of 30° from the lower edge of the hatch end beam. However, if feeding holes are provided in the hatch end beams in accordance with table B 1-2 and the free grain surface in way of the hatch opening is above the level of the feeding holes, then the surface of the grain after loading shall be assumed to slope in all directions, at an angle of 30° from a line on the hatch end beam which is the mean of the peaks and valleys of the actual grain surface as shown in figure B-1.”

8 *The reference to “B 5” in paragraph 1.2 is replaced with “B 6”.*

9 *Paragraph 1.5 is replaced by the following:*

“1.5 In “partly filled compartments” and “specially suitable compartments, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed”, the adverse effect of the vertical shift of grain surfaces shall be taken into account as follows:

Total heeling moment = $1.12 \times$ calculated transverse heeling moment.”

2 Assumed volumetric heeling moment of a filled compartment, trimmed

10 *The reference to “A 10.9” in paragraph 2.6 is replaced with “A 10.10”.*

11 *The reference to “A 10.9” in the Note (2) for figure B 2-1 in paragraph 2.8 is replaced with “A 10.10”.*

12 *The reference to “A 10.9” in the Note (3) for figure B 2-3 in paragraph 2.9 is replaced with “A 10.10”.*

3 Assumed volumetric heeling moment of a filled compartment, untrimmed

13 *In paragraph 3.1, the word “provision” is replaced with “provisions”.*

14 *The following new section 4 is inserted after existing section 3 “Assumed volumetric heeling moment of a filled compartment, untrimmed” and the subsequent sections and paragraphs are renumbered accordingly:*

“4 Assumed volumetric heeling moment of a specially suitable compartment, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed

4.1 All the provisions for “filled compartments, trimmed” set forth in B 2 shall also apply to “specially suitable compartments, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed” except as noted below.

4.2 In a “specially suitable compartment, partly filled in way of the hatch opening, with ends untrimmed” which is exempted from trimming under the provisions of A 10.4, the resulting grain surface in way of the hatch opening and the resulting grain surface in the ends, forward and aft of the hatchway, after shifting shall be assumed to be at an angle of 25° to the horizontal.”

15 *The references to “figure B 4” in renumbered section 5 Assumed volumetric heeling moments in trunks are replaced with “figure B 5”.*