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Outcomes from CCC 4 and E&T 28

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Introduction

1. The Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) held its fourth session from 11 to 15 September 2017. The twenty-eighth session of the Editorial and Technical Group of the CCC Sub-Committee met from 18 to 22 September 2017 at IMO Headquarters in London. The reports of CCC 4 and E&T 28 are contained in documents CCC 4/12 and E&T 28/WP.1*.

Draft amendments (39-18) to the IMDG Code

2. E&T 28 finalized the draft amendments (39-18) to the IMDG Code, which has been circulated in accordance with SOLAS article VIII under the cover of Circular Letter No.3776, for consideration and subsequent adoption by MSC 99 (16 to 25 May 2018). In this context, the Group also requested the Secretariat, to inform UNSCETDG 52 of the following:

- (a) in the draft amendments to provision 5.3.1.1.2 regarding the addition of bulk containers: in subparagraph .2, not to insert "bulk containers" as they are not used for class 1 substances;
- (b) in the Appendix, glossary of terms, definition of "Initiation, means of", in .2, not to replace "significant risk" by "significant hazard";
- (c) in LP903, in the second paragraph, replace the first sentence to read "The following large packagings are authorized for a single battery and for a single item of equipment containing cells or batteries..."; and
- (d) draft amendments to provision 5.2.2.2.1.1.2 regarding the provisions for labels (i.e. 2mm), which could be harmonized with the other modes of transport regulations.

* To be found on IMODOCS.

Seed Cake

3. Having considered the report of the Correspondence Group on the revision of draft individual schedules for SEED CAKE (CCC 4/5/1), CCC 4:

(a) agreed, in principle, to the draft individual schedule for MHB seed cake cargoes, as set out in annex 7 to document CCC 4/WP.5, with a view to inclusion in the draft amendments (05-19) to the IMSBC Code;

(b) agreed, in principle, to the draft individual schedule for Group C seed cake cargoes, as set out in annex 8 to document CCC 4/WP.5, with a view to inclusion in the draft amendments (05-19) to the IMSBC Code;

(c) endorsed the Group's decision that the draft amendments to section 9 of the IMSBC Code should not be further developed/finalized at this stage; and

(d) agreed, in principle, to the draft amendments to individual schedules for SEED CAKE UN 1386 (b) and SEED CAKE UN 2217, as set out in annex 9 to document CCC 4/WP.5, with a view to inclusion in the draft amendments (05-19) to the IMSBC Code.

4. The draft amendments (05-19) to the IMSBC Code are expected to be prepared by E&T 29 (April 2018).

EmS Guide

5. As instructed by CCC 4, E&T 28 prepared the draft consolidated Revised Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS) Guide, which will be considered by MSC 99, with a view to approval in conjunction with the draft amendments (39-18) to the IMDG Code.

Proposal

6. The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information provided and take action as appropriate.
