

**Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification
and Labelling of Chemicals**

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**Global harmonization of transport of dangerous goods
regulations with the Model Regulations**

Outcomes from MSC 99

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Introduction

1. The ninety-ninth session of the Maritime Safety Committee met from 16 to 25 May 2018 at IMO Headquarters in London. The report of the Committee is contained in document MSC 99/22*.

Amendments (39-18) to the IMDG Code

2. The expanded Committee, including delegations of 96 Contracting Governments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, considered the proposed amendments to the IMDG Code, as finalized by E&T 28. In this context, MSC 99 adopted the amendments to the IMDG Code unanimously by resolution MSC.442(99), as set out in annex 5 to document MSC 99/22/Add.1*. The Committee agreed, in accordance with the procedure for the adoption of amendments to the IMDG Code with regard to voluntary application of new amendments one year prior to the date of entry into force, that Contracting Governments may apply the aforementioned amendments in whole or in part on a voluntary basis from 1 January 2019, pending their entry into force on 1 January 2020.

3. In addition, MSC 99 instructed the CCC Sub-Committee to review the footnotes in the IMDG Code when preparing the next consolidated version (amendment 40-20), taking into account the decision that the footnotes, which were introduced for reference purposes only and did not form part of the adopted amendments, should not appear in the authentic text of mandatory instruments.

Consolidated EmS Guide

4. MSC 99 approved MSC.1/Circ.1588 on Revised Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS Guide), in conjunction with the adoption of the amendments (39-18) to the IMDG Code.

Proposal

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

* To be found on IMODOCS.