The Code does not cover grain cargoes – regulated by the International Grain Code.

The Code does not cover solid cargoes in bags, or similar packaged goods – regulated by the IMDG Code (International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code).

Before accepting cargo for shipment, shipper must provide master with cargo information and signed cargo declaration form (ref. s 4).

Correct Bulk Cargo shipping name (BCSN) – Important (Implications)

Cargo's physical and chemical properties (s 4.2.2)

If cargo’s BCSN is not in the Code, it is considered a cargo not listed in the Code.

Section 1.3 of the Code applies – Shipper’s responsibility to provide cargo information to competent authority at port of loading (CA-PL) for assessment of the appropriate carriage requirements.

If assessed as Group C, CA-PL will authorise carriage and CA – port of discharge (CA-PD) and vessel’s Flag State (FS) will be informed.

CA-PL provides master with certificate of cargo schedule, i.e. cargo characteristics and carriage requirements. CA-PL will also inform IMO of same.

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Entry into enclosed spaces; A.1050 (27)

Pesticides; Recommendations MSC.1/circ.1264 & circ. 1396

Loading Plan agreed between Master and Terminal Representative (SOLAS Reg. VI/7, BLU Code)

CO2 fire fighting exemption (MSC 1/circ.1395/rev.1) for certain solid bulk cargoes (ref: SOLAS regulation II-2/10.7.1.4)

Cargo Residues, hold washing water & HME substances (ref: MARPOL Annex V)

Contact details of CAs (BC.1/circ.72)

DSC.1/circ.71-iron ore fines