

## **CIRCULAR ROU/03/20**

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### **URUGUAY HAS IMPLEMENTED THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE**

The Coast Guard Authorities have recently issued a new by-law, "Disposición Marítima N° 172", which establishes the mandatory compliance with the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code.

It also sets that the shipper shall provide the Master or his representative with appropriate information on the cargo which may be necessary for proper stowage and safe carriage of the cargo.

When carrying a concentrate or other cargo which may liquefy, the shipper shall provide the Master or his representative with a signed certificate of the Transportable Moisture Limit (TML), and a signed certificate or declaration of the moisture content issued by an organization approved by the Maritime Authority (the requirements for such approval are contained in the Annex "Alpha" of the by-law).

When carrying fine ores, the following must be complied with (Annex "Bravo"):

- a) The shipper must guarantee by means of a laboratory test the moisture limit (TML) and also carry out an analysis to determine its moisture content (by an ISO 3087:2011 or updated version certified organization);
- b) The documents issued by the Environmental Protection Division of the Coast Guard certifying compliance with the provisions of paragraph 4.3.3 of the IMSBC Code must be lodged with the Coast Guard authority of the loading port prior to commencement of loading operations;

Finally, Annex "Charlie" approves the procedures for sampling, testing and control of moisture content and Annex "Delta" provides the format of the Certificate of Approval of Procedures for Sampling, Testing and Control of Moisture Content of Solid Bulk Cargoes that can be liquefied.

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