



To: DEPUTY REGISTRARS, SHIP OWNERS/ISM OPERATORS/RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS/SHIPPING AGENTS/GENERAL SAFETY INSPECTORS

Reference: Implementation of the Code for the Transport and Handling of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (OSV Chemical Code)

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Assembly on December 6th, 2017, at its 30th session considering the recommendations of the Maritime Safety Committee, at its 98th session and the Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its 71st session adopted Resolution A.1122(30), “The Code for the Transport and Handling of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (OSV Chemical Code)”.

The Assembly invites Governments to take action to implement the OSV Chemical Code from 1 July 2018.

The Resolution A.1122(30) supersedes Resolution A.673(16), Guidelines for the Transport and Handling of Limited Amounts of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (LHNS Guidelines).

2. PURPOSE

To provide Recognized Organization, Ship Owners and ISM Operators detail information and guidance for the implementation of the OSV Chemical Code onboard Belize Flagged Vessels.

3. APPLICATION

3.1. The OSV Chemical Code applies to Offshore Support Vessels (OSVs) engaged in the carriage of the products identified in the following products regardless of size or voyage:

- 3.1.1. Products which are listed in Chapters 17 or 18 of the IBC Code and the latest edition of the MEPC.2 Circular (Provisional categorization of liquid substances in accordance with MARPOL Annex II and the IBC Code) and their related references to Chapters 15 and 19; or
- 3.1.2. Oil-based/water-based mud containing mixtures of products listed in Chapters 17 and 18 of the IBC Code and the MEPC.2 Circular; or

- 3.1.3. Liquid carbon dioxide (high purity and reclaimed quality) and liquid nitrogen; or
- 3.1.4. Contaminated backloads.

3.2. The OSV Chemical Code should also apply when the cargoes indicated in item 3.1 are part of a blending or production process of cargoes used in the search for and exploitation of seabed mineral resources on board vessels used to facilitate such operations.

3.3. Unless expressly provided otherwise, the OSV Chemical Code applies to OSVs the keels of which are laid or which, on or after 1 July 2018, are at the stage where:

- 3.3.1. Construction identifiable with the vessel begins; and
- 3.3.2. Assembly has commenced comprising at least 50 tonnes or 1% of the estimated mass of all structural material, whichever is less;

3.4. Existing OSVs the keel of which were laid or which were at a similar stage of construction on or after 19 April 1990 and before the date specified in item 3.3 may be permitted to carry products as assigned for carriage on a type 2 ship in the IBC Code, provided that those OSVs comply with the OSV Chemical Code, except for the stability provisions in Chapter 2 of the OSV Chemical Code, and subject to satisfaction of the Administration.

3.5. A vessel, irrespective of the date of construction, which is converted for the carriage of bulk liquids subject to the OSV Chemical Code on or after the date specify in item 3.3 should be treated as a vessel constructed on the date on which such conversion commences. An OSV which transport a cargo subject to the OSV Chemical Code and undergoes modification for the transport of additional cargoes falling under the OSV Chemical Code should not be considered as a vessel which has undergo a conversion.

4. DEFINITION OF OFFSHORE SUPPORT VESSEL (OVS)

4.1. Offshore support vessels (OSVs) are:

- 4.1.1. Multi-mission vessels which are primarily engaged in the transport of stores, materials and equipment to and from mobile offshore drilling units, fixed and floating platforms and other similar offshore installations; or
- 4.1.2. Multi-mission vessels, including well-stimulation vessels, but excluding mobile offshore drilling units, derrick barges, pipe-laying barges and floating accommodation units, which are otherwise primarily engaged in supporting the work of offshore installations.

5. SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION

5.1. The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) delegates the survey and issuance of the Certificate of Fitness under the OSV Chemical Code to our authorized Recognized Organizations.

5.2. The Certificate of Fitness should have the same force and receive the same recognition

as the certificate issued under Regulation 7 of MARPOL Annex II and Regulations VII/10 and VII/13 of SOLAS.

5.3. The Certificate of Fitness will be valid for a period of 5 years subject to Renewal, Intermediate, Annual and Additional Surveys required by the IBC Code, the IGC Code and MARPOL Annex II. The certificate should indicate the cargoes regulated by the OSV Chemical Code that the vessel is permitted to carry with any relevant carriage condition.

5.4. The model form of the Certificate of Fitness can be found in Appendix 1 of the Resolution A.1122(30) as well at the end of this Notice.

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Applicable fee will be in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Notice MSN-0039r1.

IMMARBE anticipates your cooperation and assistance.

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