

GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE

CARGO SECURING MANUAL



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Foreword

Regulations VI/5 and VII/6 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention require cargo units and cargo transport units to be loaded, stowed and secured throughout the voyage in accordance with a Cargo Securing Manual approved by the Administration and drawn up to a standard at least equivalent to the guidelines developed by the Organization.

IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its sixty-sixth session (28 May to 6 June 1996), considered draft guidelines for the preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual prepared by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers at its first session (5 to 9 February 1996), and approved the Guidelines presented in this publication, which were originally issued as MSC/Circ.745 (dated 13 June 1996).

These Guidelines are based on the provisions contained in the annex to MSC/Circ.385 (dated 8 January 1985) but have been expanded to include the applications explicit to ships which are equipped or adapted for the carriage of freight containers, taking into account the provisions of the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code), as amended. They are of a general nature and intended to provide guidance on the preparation of Cargo Securing Manuals, which are required on all types of ships engaged in the carriage of cargoes other than solid and liquid bulk cargoes.

Member Governments are invited to bring these Guidelines to the attention of all parties concerned, with the aim of having Cargo Securing Manuals carried on board ships prepared appropriately and in a consistent manner, and to implement them as soon as possible and, in any case, not later than 31 December 1997. The Guidelines supersede those presented in MSC/Circ.385.

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