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## **Voluntary early implementation of revised IMSBC Code**

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### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this Technical Alert is to provide the position of the Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) on the amended International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, which enters into force on 01 January 2025.

### **2. Introduction**

- 2.1. This Alert applies to all ships registered in The Bahamas to which the IMSBC Code is applicable.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted amendments to the IMSBC Code at its 107th session – see Resolution [MSC.539\(107\)](#).
- 3.2. The planned entry into force date for the amended IMSBC Code is 01 January 2025.
- 3.3. The Maritime Safety Committee also agreed that SOLAS contracting governments may apply the amended IMSBC Code in whole or in part from 01 January 2024.
- 3.4. Accordingly, The Bahamas has advised its early acceptance of the amended IMSBC Code and has entered this in the IMO Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) ([click here](#)).
- 3.5. Where a Company wishes to voluntarily apply the amended IMSBC Code to its ships, it shall apply to the Recognised Organisation that classes the ship for the issue of a new Document of Compliance for Carriage of Dangerous Goods, referring to the new Schedules in Appendix 1 of the amended IMSBC Code.

### **4. Validity**

- 4.1. This Technical Alert is valid until 31 December 2024.

**5. Revisions**

V1.0 – First issue

V1.1 – correction of typo in paragraph 3.4