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TO:

- (I) ALL OWNERS OF JAMAICAN SHIPS
- (II) MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF JAMAICAN SHIPS

1. **Subject – Amendments to the IMDG Code**
2. **References - IMO Resolution MSC.294(87)**

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Statutory alert:


Applicability: All shipowners, operators and shippers involved in transporting dangerous goods

IMO Resolution MSC.294(87) introduces amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. These come into force on January 1, 2012, and include many editorial and technical changes to the operational requirements contained in the Code. The amendments will not affect the scope of surveys or certification carried out by recognized organizations.

The amendments to various sections of the Code include:

- Part 1:** Definition revisions, and revised text on training for shore side personnel and provisions for high consequence dangerous goods.
- Part 2:** Numerous updates to the classification of substances, and the inclusion of UN 3077 and UN 3082 entries for environmentally hazardous substances.
- Part 3:** Various updates including guidance on cargoes which are mixtures or solutions, many cargo schedule updates, and packaging and labeling requirements for limited quantities and IBCs.
- Part 4:** Updates to packing and tank provisions.
- Part 5:** Revised transportation documentation requirements and special provision for segregation including updated requirements for consignment procedures.
- Part 6:** Updated requirements for construction and testing of packages.

For detailed information on the changes and other useful information relating to the IMDG Code, log in to the IMO’s Global Integrated Shipping Information System at <http://gisis.imo.org/Public/IAS/Public/Login.aspx> (registration is free) and click on the ‘IMDG Code’ link. The amendments have also been incorporated into the 2010 Edition of the IMDG Code which is available from the IMO [bookshop](#)

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What should owners, operators and shippers do now?

Owners and operators of ships intending to carry packaged dangerous goods cargoes should implement the new requirements by January 1, 2012.

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