AMENDMENTS TO THE IMDG CODE AND SUPPLEMENTS

Comments on CCC 7/6/4 and CCC 7/6/8

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SUMMARY

Executive summary: This document recommends the inclusion of the proposals in document CCC 7/6/4 (Germany) and document CCC 7/6/8 (CEFIC) in a comprehensive discussion within a working group on charcoal issues at CCC 7, which the Correspondence Group on a Review of Maritime Special Provisions in its report (CCC 7/6/2) recommends that the Sub-Committee establish.

Strategic direction, if applicable:

Output: 6.10

Action to be taken: Paragraph 4

Related documents: CCC 7/6/2, CCC 7/6/4 and CCC 7/6/8

Introduction

1 This document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 6.12.4 of the Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1) and comments on documents CCC 7/6/4 (Germany) and CCC 7/6/8 (CEFIC).

2 The co-sponsors note with appreciation document CCC 7/6/4 discussing the classification and transport of charcoal, including recent incidents caused or believed to have been caused by the spontaneous combustion of charcoal, and proposing amendments to documentation requirements and stowage provisions for UN 1361 CARBON animal or vegetable origin. Similarly, the co-sponsors note with appreciation document CCC 7/6/8 (CEFIC) proposing to revise provisions regarding the carriage of charcoal.
Recommendation

3 To enable and facilitate a comprehensive discussion of issues surrounding the transport of charcoal, the co-sponsors recommend that the proposals in paragraphs 17 to 21 of document CCC 7/6/4 and paragraphs 11 to 13 of document CCC 7/6/8 be forwarded to and included for consideration by a working group on charcoal issues at CCC 7, which the Correspondence Group on a Review of Maritime Special Provisions in its report (CCC 7/6/2, paragraphs 40 and 41.18) recommends that the Sub-Committee establish.

Action requested of the Sub-Committee

4 The Sub-Committee is invited to consider the recommendation in paragraph 3 and take action, as appropriate.