

## Chapter 7.9

### *Exemptions, approvals and certificates*

#### 7.9.1 Exemptions

**Note 1** The provisions of this section do not apply to exemptions mentioned in chapters 1 to 7.8 of this Code (e.g. exemptions for limited quantities in 3.4.7) and to approvals (including permits, authorizations or agreements) and certificates which are referred to in chapters 1 to 7.8 of this Code. For the said approvals and certificates, see 7.9.2.

**Note 2** The provisions of this section do not apply to class 7. For consignments of radioactive material for which conformity with any provision of this Code applicable to class 7 is impracticable, refer to 1.5.4.

**7.9.1.1** Where this Code requires that a particular provision for the transport of dangerous goods shall be complied with, a competent authority or competent authorities (port State of departure, port State of arrival or flag State) may authorize any other provision by exemption if satisfied that such provision is at least as effective and safe as that required by this Code. Acceptance of an exemption authorized under this section by a competent authority not party to it is subject to the discretion of that competent authority. Accordingly, prior to any shipment covered by the exemption, the recipient of the exemption shall notify other competent authorities concerned.

**7.9.1.2** Competent authority or competent authorities which have taken the initiative with respect to the exemption:

- .1 shall send a copy of such exemption to the International Maritime Organization which shall bring it to the attention of the Contracting Parties to SOLAS and/or MARPOL, as appropriate, and
- .2 if appropriate, take action to amend the IMDG Code to include the provisions covered by the exemption.

**7.9.1.3** The period of validity of the exemption shall be not more than five years from the date of authorization. An exemption that is not covered under 7.9.1.2.2 may be renewed in accordance with the provisions of this section.

**7.9.1.4** A copy of the exemption shall accompany each consignment when offered to the carrier for transport under the terms of the exemption. A copy of the exemption or an electronic copy thereof shall be maintained on board each ship transporting dangerous goods in accordance with the exemption, as appropriate.

#### 7.9.2 Approvals (including permits, authorizations or agreements) and certificates

**7.9.2.1** Approvals, including permits, authorizations or agreements, and certificates referred to in chapters 1 to 7.8 of this Code and issued by the competent authority (authorities when the Code requires a multilateral approval) or a body authorized by that competent authority (e.g. approvals for alternative packaging in 4.1.3.7, approval for segregation as in 7.2.2.3 or certificates for portable tanks in 6.7.2.18.1) shall be recognized, as appropriate:

- .1 by other contracting parties to SOLAS if they comply with the requirements of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended; and/or
- .2 by other contracting parties to MARPOL if they comply with the requirements of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78, Annex III), as amended.

#### 7.9.3 Contact information for the main designated national competent authorities

Contact information for the main designated national competent authorities concerned is given in this paragraph.\* Corrections to these addresses should be sent to the Organization.†

\* Reference is made to MSC.1/Circ.1336, as may be amended, which provides a more comprehensive listing of contact information for competent authorities and bodies.

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<b>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</b>	<p>Maritime Technology Division Maritime Safety Policy Bureau Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM) 88, Gwanmunro, Gwacheon-si, Gyeonggi-do, 427-712 REPUBLIC OF KOREA Telephone: +82 2 2110 8590 Fax: +82 2 504 3062</p>
<b>RUSSIAN FEDERATION*</b>	<p>Department of State Policy for Maritime and River Transport Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation Rozhdestvenka Street, 1, bldg. 1 Moscow 109012 RUSSIAN FEDERATION Telephone: +7 495 926 14 74</p> <p>Classification society has been designated as competent inspector agency for the approval, acceptance and all consequential activities connected with IMO Type tanks, CSC containers, IBCs and packaging to be registered in the Russian Federation:</p> <p>Russian Maritime Register of Shipping Telephone: +78 123 128 878 +78 123 140 743 +78 123 141 087 Telex: 121525 RSSU RU Email: pobox@rs-head.spb.ru</p> <p>Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation Regulation of Maritime Transport Operation Department 1/4 Rozhdestvenka Street Moscow 103759 RUSSIAN FEDERATION Telephone: +7 095 151 3839 +7 095 151 3406 +7 095 151 3839 Telex: 411197 MMF RU</p>

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