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Shipping Guidance Notice – 141 Guidance on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Ships

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Master's and Crew

1. Introduction

- 1.1. SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 4 requires appropriate precautions are taken in relation to the use of pesticides in ships, in particular for the purposes of fumigation.
- 1.2. The regulation refers to the following IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) recommendations, intended to supplement the requirements of the IMDG code, the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code and the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (the Grain Code):
 - MSC.1/Circ.1358 - Revised Recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships;
 - MSC.1/Circ.1264 - Recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships applicable to the fumigation of cargo holds; and
 - MSC.1/Circ.1361 - Revised Recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships applicable to the fumigation of cargo transport units.
- 1.3. For Gibraltar registered ships, the application of SOLAS Chapter VI requirements are contained within the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Survey, Certification and Safety) Regulations 2004, Part IX (as amended). Similarly, the United Kingdom's requirements are contained within the Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Cargoes) Regulations 2024 (as amended).
- 1.4. In addition to the abovementioned MSC recommendations and in relation UK legislation, the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) have published [MGN 700 \(M\) Carriage of Cargoes: Guidance on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Ships](#)

2. Application

- 2.1. The Gibraltar Maritime Administration recommends that Gibraltar registered ships making use of pesticides to prevent the spoilage of cargo, refer to the guidance contained within MGN 700 (M) (as amended), in addition to the recommendations contained within SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 4 (as amended).

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