



**PORTS, CUSTOMS & FREE ZONE CORPORATION
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & SAFETY –TRAKHEES**

CIRCULAR: EHS/PM/04/09

Dated: 01st April 2009

**To: All Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Ship Owners, Vessel Operators,
Shippers and Other Interested Parties**

Subject: Publication of New IMDG Code- 2008 Edition & EHS Requirements

The new edition (2008) of the IMDG Code has been published by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and this edition includes the changes in Amendment 34-08, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) in May 2008. The new amendments to the Code are mandatory from 1 Jan 10.

The many detailed changes introduced by Amendment 34-08 includes but not limited to the following:

- 12 new UN numbers going up to 3481 in the dangerous goods list, with explosives going up to 0508 and 5 UN numbers which were previously not listed in the IMDG Code.
- Appropriate training for shore-side staff involved with dangerous goods is now mandatory instead of just recommended, and may be audited by the competent authority. Persons not yet trained may only operate under the direct supervision of a trained person.
- Additional changes concerning marine pollutants, IMO tank instructions, excepted quantities, limited quantities and radioactive materials of class 7.

EHS will enforce the new IMDG code (2008) requirements from 1st January 2010. With your co-operation in complying with the code requirements, we hope to keep our ports safe and clean.

Please send your enquiries to EHS.Ports@Trakhees.ae, if you require any further clarifications.

Sincerely,

A.Nazeer Hussain

Manager-Ports and Maritime Operations
Environment, Health and Safety – Trakhees
Ports, Customs and Free zone Corporation

Cc:Mr.Amin Al Mulla, Chief Operating Officer, EHS-Trakhees, PCFC