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BLU Code

(Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers)

Amendments	Adopted		Effective date	Amendments to the Code	Remarks
	By	Date			
BLU Code*	Res.A.862(20)	27.Nov.1997	01.Jul.1998		Revokes MSC/Circ.690 and DSC/Circ.3. Refer to Chap. VI/7 of SOLAS Convention
2006 Amendments	Res.MSC.238(82)	01.Dec.2006	01.Jan.2007	Introduction, Sec.5 and Appendix 4	
2010 Amendments	Res.MSC.304(87)	14.May.2010	01.Jan.2011	Sec.1, Sec. 3, Sec.5, Appendix 4, Appendix 5	

* The purpose of the Code is to assist persons responsible for the safe loading or unloading of bulk carriers to carry out their functions and to promote the safety of bulk carriers. And the code primarily covers the safety of ships loading and unloading solid bulk cargoes, excluding grain, and reflects current issues, best practices and legislative requirements. Broader safety and pollution issues such as those covered by SOLAS, MARPOL and Load Lines Conventions are not specifically included in the Code.

It is recommended that a copy of the Code be made available to every bulk carrier, charterer, and bulk loading or unloading terminal so that advice on operational procedures is readily available and respective responsibilities are identified.