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AMENDMENT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES IN SHIPS APPLICABLE TO THE FUMIGATION OF CARGO HOLDS (MSC.1/CIRC.1264)

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fourth session (7 to 16 May 2008), approved the Recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships applicable to the fumigation of cargo holds (MSC.1/Circ.1264), which apply to the carriage of solid bulk cargoes, including grain, in pursuance of the requirement of SOLAS regulation VI/4.

2 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-ninth session (11 to 20 May 2011), approved the following amendment to section 5 (Safety Precautions – General) of the aforementioned Recommendations, as prepared by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) at its fifteenth session:

"5.3 Fire risk

5.3.1 When Phosphine generating formulations are used to fumigate, any collected residue may ignite."

3 Member Governments are invited to bring the above amendment to the Recommendations to the attention of competent authorities, seafarers, fumigators, fumigant and pesticide manufacturers and others concerned.