

# **RISKS / IMO**

**Solid Bulk Cargo** 

**DBTG** Southampton 2019 IMSBC International Maritime Solid Bulk

**Cargoes** Code

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# **International Maritime Organization**

- **IMO** is UN agency responsible for safety, security and pollution prevention of shipping
- Membership comprises 170 member states and 70 non-government organizations
- DBTG through IBTA, is the designated representative NGO for the international bulk terminals sector at IMO
- Loading / Unloading and Shipping of solid bulk cargoes is:
  - 1. Considered as high risk
  - 2. Highly regulated under SOLAS, IMSBC Code, BLU Code, MARPOL, other codes
- IMO requires NGOs to contribute / initiate discussions on issues relevant to their sector





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# **IMO CCC/6 Meeting – September 2019**

**DBTG / IBTA** submission to **IMO's CCC/6** meeting showed that for 1999-2018:

- Total of 140 people died in cargo holds of ships carrying solid bulk cargo:
  - 50 port & terminal workers
  - 90 crew members
- 100 died on ships in ports & terminals
- 118 died due to asphyxiation
- 20 by explosions / fire (vessels in port)
- 88 died on hold ladders
- Many accidents on coastal bulkers:
  - 25 fatalities in 2018
  - 12 fatalities in cargo holds in 2019





# **Grouping of Cargoes In IMSBC Code**

Cargoes are grouped in three hazard Groups - A, B & C

**Group A**: May LIQUEFY

**Group B:** 







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### **Group C:**

. NOT liable to liquefy

. UN CLASS (IMDG Code)

. NOT chemical hazardous

### It is not possible to tell by sight or smell if a cargo is hazardous or not.



## **DBTG Concerns**

- DBTG concerned about increasing number of accidents in ports and terminals
- Safety of personnel working in cargo holds is governed by:
  - SOLAS, IMSBC CODE, and ISM Code
  - IMO's Enclosed Space Entry Procedures
  - National regulations of the port state
- Cargo holds are defined as Enclosed Spaces in both ship & shore rules
- Responsibilities:
  - Master is fully responsible for safety of all personnel on board ship
  - **Port operators / employers** have responsibility for safety of their workers when on board ships
- Current hold entry guidelines are based on:
  - Risk Assessment
  - Cargo information in Individual Schedules and Shipper's Form
  - Assumption that masters carry out Risk Assessments
  - Assumption that port employers instruct employees on dangers







# **Root Cause of Accidents in Cargo Holds**

- **1**. Vistrato research found *that these assumptions are incorrect*
- 2. *IMSBC Code* and IMO *Enclosed Space Entry Procedures* do NOT provide any guidance on <u>how</u> to carry out risk assessments
- **3.** Ships' Masters do <u>not</u> always:
  - Carry out any risk assessments
  - Use cargo safety information as intended by IMO
  - Inform ship or shore personnel of hazards
  - Secure hold access hatches to prevent unauthorized entry
  - Ensure atmosphere in holds is safe before authorizing entry
- **3.** Port Employers do <u>not</u> always:
  - Carry out risk assessments of ship and cargo
  - Obtain up-to-date cargo safety information
  - Use information that is available e.g. in IMSBC Code
  - Inform employees and subcontractors of dangers
  - Instruct personnel not to enter any cargo hold until authorized



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# DBTG / IBTA Proposal

- DBTG / IBTA submitted paper CCC 6-5-6 together with research paper CCC 6/INF.7
- Co-sponsored by United Kingdom and by leading NGOs' BIMCO, ICHCA, IFSMA, IHMA, NI
- CCC 6-5-6 proposes that:
- **1.** Master of every ship carrying any solid bulk cargo should carry out a standardized risk assessment before:
  - Commencing loading /unloading the cargo
  - Permitting any person to enter a potentially hazardous cargo hold or adjacent space
- 2. If cargo is Group A or Group C i.e. not hazardous, then standard precautions apply
- **3.** If cargo is **Group B** i.e. chemically hazardous then Master should:
  - Secure all hold access hatches to prevent unauthorized entry
  - Carry out a systematic risk assessment of the cargo



- 4. May be done on **One Page Checklist** as part of **BLU Code Ship/Shore Safety Checklist**
- 5. Checklist should be retained on board and be available for audit

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### **RESPONSE FROM IMO MEMBER STATES & NGOs**

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### Comments made by considerable number of delegates:

- Almost all agreed that:
  - 1. The current situation was not acceptable and that action needed to be taken
  - 2. Amending IMSBC Code is complicated
- Recommended that submission would:
  - Need to be approved as a work item by the primary IMO safety committee at the MSC 101 meeting in May 2020
  - 2. Be considered in detail by the IMO CCC 7 meeting and Working Groups in September 2020
  - 3. DBTG will continue to work with its co-sponsors and other supporters across the industry to bring about the required change.





### WORKED EXAMPLE

### **Required – Three Documents**

- 1. Individual Schedule for Cargo in IMSB Code / or
- Shipper's Form for Cargo Information 2.
- 3. Risk Assessment Checklist

WOODCHIPS		al Schedules of Solid Bulk Cargoes	FORM FOR CA	ARGO INFORMATION
escription	ped into the approximate size of a b		BCSN : WOODCHIPS	
Characteristics	ped into the approximate size of a b	usiness card.	Shipper: Woodchip Shippers Ltd	Transport document Number
Angle of repose	Bulk density (kg/m3)	Stowage factor (m3/t)	shipper: woodchip shippers Ltd	Transport document Number
Not applicable Size	326 Class	3.07 Group	Consignee: Woodchips Importers Ltd	Carrier
As above	MHB	B	Name of ship: MV Bulk Transporter	Instructions on other matters
terial possesses a <mark>chemici</mark>	<mark>Il hazard</mark> . Some shipments may be s	ubject to oxidation leading to	Port of departure: Woodport	-
	of carbon dioxide in cargo and adja		Port of destination: Powerport	1
ses, the <mark>fire-risk increases</mark> idily combustible and can <mark>i</mark> lition with complete <mark>deplet</mark>	more this cargo has a low fire-risk. A When dry, woodchips can be easily gnite by friction. ion of oxygen may be present in less	ignited by external sources;	General description of cargo: (Type of material /particle size) Type: Chipped natural timber. Particle Size: up to 80mm	Gross mass (kg/tonnes): 35,000t
vage and segregation egation as for class4.1 mater	als.		Specification of solid bulk cargo, as applicable: Stowage factor: 3.07m <sup>3</sup> /t	MARPOL Annex V Classification Harmful to Marine Environment: YES NO NO
cleanliness ecial requirements			Angle of repose: Not Applicable <u>Trimming procedures:</u> As per IMSBC Code Sections 4 & 5	Chemical properties if potential hazard: Class: MHB (Group B)
precautions I requirements			<u>Relevant special properties of the cargo:</u> When dry, is easily ignited by friction or external sources.	Self Heating. May emit Methane, Carbon Monoxide and Carbon Dioxide gasses. May emit Hydrogen gas if wetted May cause oxygen depletion in cargo spaces and adjacen
cordance with the relev	ant provisions required under sectio	ns 4 and 5 of this Code.		spaces in less than 48 hours.
ons			Group of the cargo: Group A & B Group B YES	For cargoes which may liquefy (Group A and Group A & E Certificate of Transportable Moisture Limit N/A
rried out and it has been	adjacent confined spaces shall not established that the oxygen level is a	0.7% this condition is	Group A & B Group C	Certificate of Moisture Content at shipment N/A
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tions shall be taken to pre-	ent me.		SHIPPER'S DECLARATION	Name / status, company / organistion of signatory Name Iblock capitols) Joe Bloggs
	j <mark>acent</mark> to a cargo hold before entry r n the cargo hold	nay be necessary even if these	I hereby declare that the consignment is fully and accurately described and that the given test results and other specifications are correct to the base of an incomplete and the birth and are the	Signature on behalf of shippers
E 2018 Edition			best of my knowledge and belief and can be considered as representative of the cargo to be loaded.	Place and dateWoodport01.06.2019 Shipper may combine certificates in one form. Forms may be delivered by electronic means.

Ship	Name: N	Name: MV Bulk Southampton Date: 10/									
Terminal / Port	Name: Powerport Terminal						Time: 1000				
Cargo		OODCHIP		Class: M	Class: MHB Gr			Group: B			
Cargo Hold Access	IF Group B or A & B, have all cargo holds been secured against entry								S: X 1	10:	
	Flammable solid: Combustible: YES					Flammable Gasses:					
Cargo Hazards	Oxidising	g:		Oxygen Depleting: YES			Toxic: YES				
	Radioact	ive:		Corrosive:			Other:				
	Dusty:										
Safety & Hazard Information	IMSBC G			Shipper'	s Informa	tion:	Safety Da	ata She	et/Otl	her:	
Cargo Handling	Equipme				and Cont						
Weather	<ul> <li>Affect</li> </ul>	of wettin	g on cargo								
						d due rai	n/snow/ot	ther:			
		ole Gasses	5:	Toxic Ga			Oxygen:				
Atmospheric Testing	Methane				Monoxide		Depletion: YES				
Requirements	Hydrogen: Other:				Dioxide (C		Excess:				
requirements	Oulei			Hydrogen Sulphide: Other:							
	Pre- Entry Test Required:			Test Intervals:Before re-			Personal Monitors				
	YES			entry after each stoppage							
Test Instruments	Make: H	oneywell		Id. Number: 12345			Calibration due: 30.12.19				
Cargo Holds to be	No.1#	No.2#	No.3#	No.4#	No.5#	No.6#	No.7#	No.8# No.9#			
Entered	YES YES YES YES YES										
Hold Accesses,	Open Ty				May con		Controls:				
Ladders / Stairs			ype? YES				Ref: Hold				
Adjacent Spaces	Names o	f Spaces:	Fosc'e St	ores	Poter	tial Haza	rds:Oxy	gen De	pletio	n	
Ventilation	Status: R				cal: YES		Natural:				
PPE and other	Safety Safety Hi-Vis Gloves Dust Personal Gas						Other:				
safety equipment	Helmet		Clothing		Mask	Monito				1	
Fumigation	Have holds been assessed by an authorized fumigator-in-charge and approved as gas free and safe for entry?						-charge	N/A X	YES	NO	
Enclosed Space Entry Permit	Is Hold Entry Permit Required? (see IMSBC Code (2018) p.570)								×		
Attendant Person:			on Require						X		
Rescue Plan	Is Rescue Plan in place for holds / spaces to be loaded/unloaded						nloaded ?		X		
	Is Rescue Team familiar with holds and hold accesses?							X			
	Is Rescue Equipment available?							Х			
Emergency Comms	Emergency Comms Are appropriate arrangements for enclosed space entry in place?								X		
Signed: Master / C	h. Officer				r	ate /Tim	e				
Signed: Terminal R							ne				
Signed: Attendant P							ne.				

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# Mandatory Cargo Information example Woodchips



### **Shipper's Form for Cargo Information**

FORM FOR CARGO INFORMATION

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#### WOODCHIPS

### Danger Words Highlighted

#### Description

Natural timber mechanically chipped into the approximate size of a business card.

#### Characteristics

Angle of repose	Bulk density (kg/m3)	Stowage factor (m3/t)
Not applicable	326	3.07
Size	Class	Group
As above	MHB	8

#### Hazard

This material possesses a chemical hazard. Some shipments may be subject to oxidation leading to depletion of oxygen and increase of carbon dioxide in cargo and adjacent spaces.

With moisture content of 15% or more this cargo has a low fire-risk. As the moisture content decreases, the fire-risk increases. When dry, woodchips can be easily ignited by external sources; are readily combustible and can ignite by friction. A condition with complete depletion of oxygen may be present in less than 48 hours.

Stowage and segregation

Segregation as for class4.1 materials.

Hold cleanliness No special requirements

Weather precautions

No special requirements

#### Loading

Trim in accordance with the relevant provisions required under sections 4 and 5 of this Code.

#### Precautions

Entry of personnel into cargo and adjacent confined spaces shall not be permitted until tests have been carried out and it has been established that the oxygen level is 20.7% this condition is not met, additional ventilation shall be applied to the cargo hold or adjacent enclosed spaces and re-measuring shall be conducted after a suitable interval.

An oxygen meter shall be worn and activated by all crew when entering cargo and adjacent enclosed spaces.

In dry weather, dust which settles on deck will dry out quickly and is easily ignited. Appropriate precautions shall be taken to prevent fire.

#### Ventilation

Ventilation of enclosed spaces adjacent to a cargo hold before entry may be necessary even if these spaces are apparently sealed from the cargo hold

BCSN : WOODCHIPS						
Shipper: Woodchip Shippers Ltd	Transport document Number					
Consignee: Woodchips Importers Ltd	Carrier					
Name of ship: MV Bulk Transporter	Instructions on other matters					
Port of departure: Woodport						
Port of destination: Powerport						
General description of cargo: (Type of material /particle size) Type: Chipped natural timber. Particle Size: up to 80mm	Gross mass (kg/tonnes): 35,000t					
Specification of solid bulk cargo, as applicable: Stowage factor: 3.07m <sup>3</sup> /t	MARPOL Annex V Classification Harmful to Marine Environment: YES NO NO					
Angle of repose: Not Applicable <u>Trimming procedures:</u> As per IMSBC Code Sections 4 & 5 <u>Relevant special properties of the cargo:</u> When dry, is easily ignited by friction or external sources.	Chemical properties if potential hazard: Class: MHB (Group B) Self Heating. May emit Methane, Carbon Monoxide and Carbon Dioxide gasses. May emit Hydrogen gas if wetted. May cause oxygen depletion spaces in less than 48 hours.					
Group of the cargo:         Group A & B         Group B         YES           Group A & B         Group C         Group C	For cargoes which may liquefy (Group A and Group A & B): Certificate of Transportable Moisture Limit N/A Certificate of Moisture Content at shipment N/A					
Approval Certificate for procedures for sampling, testing and controlling Moisture Content of a solid bulk cargo that may liquefy (ref. IMSBC Code (2014) Section 4.3.3) N/A	Additional Certificate(s), if required: Weathering Cert. N/A Exemption Cert. N/A Other N/A					
SHIPPER'S DECLARATION I hereby declare that the consignment is fully and accurately described and that the given test results and other specifications are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and can be considered as representative of the cargo to be loaded.	Name / status, company / organistion of signatory Name Iblock capitols) Joe Bloggs Signature on behalf of shipper: Status; Company: Woodchip Shippers Ltd Place and dateWoodport 01.06.2019 Shipper may combine certificates in one form. Forms may be delivered by electronic means.					

# **Risk Assessment Checklist – Group A or C Cargo**

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Ship	Name: N	/V Bulk Sc	outhmptor	1			Date: 10/	/10/19			
Terminal / Port			Terminal	Time:				,			
Cargo	BCSN: A			Class: C Group:							
Cargo Hold Access			B, have all	cargo holds been secured against entry					/A		
	Flammable solid: Combustible:						Flammable Gasses:				
Cargo Hazards	Oxidisin	g:		Oxygen Depleting:			Toxic:				
	Radioact	tive:		Corrosiv	e:	Other:					
	Dusty:			Subsidia							
Safety & Hazard	IMSBC C	ode:		Shipper	s Informa	tion:	Safety Da	ata She	et/Ot	her:	
Information	YES			YES			N/A				
Cargo Handling	Equipme				and Cont						
Weather			-								
						d due rai	n/snow/ot				
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Testing	Hydroge			1	Dioxide (C						
Requirements	Other:			Hydrogen Sulphide: Other:							
	Pre- Entry Test			Test Intervals:			Personal Monitors				
	Required:						Required		// 2		
Test Instruments	Make:			Id. Num	ber:		Calibratio				
Cargo Holds to be	No.1#	No.2#	No.3#	No.4#	No.5#	No.6#	No.7#	No.8		lo.9#	
Entered											
Hold Accesses,	Open Ty			Hazards	Steep sta	airs	Controls:	Use w	vith ca	are	
Ladders / Stairs			ype? <mark>YES</mark>								
Adjacent Spaces	Names o	of Spaces:			Potent	ial Hazar	ds:				
Ventilation	Status:		_	Mechan	ical:	_	Natural:				
PPE /other safety	Safety	Safety	Hi-Vis	Gloves		Person		Other:			
equipment YES	Helmet		Clothing		Mask		or <mark>N/A</mark>				
Fumigation			assessed by gas free an	-		nigator-in	-charge	N/A			
Enclosed Space	Is Hold E	intry Pern	nit Require	:d?						NO	
Entry Permit			2018) p.57								
Attendant Person:			on Require							NO	
Rescue Plan	Is Rescue Plan in place for holds / spaces to be loaded/unloaded ?								YES		
	Is Rescue Team familiar with holds and hold accesses?								YES	<u> </u>	
	Is Rescue Equipment available?								YES		
Emergency Comms Are appropriate arrangements for enclosed space entry in							in place?	N/A			
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Signed: Master / C						<u> </u>	e				
Signed: Terminal R Signed: Attendant P											
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### **BLU CODE - SHIP / SHORE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

- Is Mandatory
  - Must be completed by Master/Ch.Off
- 13. Is the atmosphere safe in holds and enclosed spaces to which access may be required, have fumigated cargoes been identified, and has the need for monitoring of atmosphere been agreed by ship and terminal?

### **ALUMINA:**

- Is a Group A or C Cargo
- Is Non-Hazardous
- Atm.Testing is NOT APPLICABLE

### Completed Form is signed, dated and filed

# **Risk Assessment Checklist – Group B Cargo**

Ship	Name: MV Bulk Southampton						Date: 10	/10/19			
Terminal / Port	Name: P	owerport	Terminal	Time: 1				00			
Cargo	BCSN: W	OODCHIF	s	Class: M	Class: MHB Group: B						
Cargo Hold Access	IF Group B or A & B, have all cargo holds been secured against entry?								S: X N	0:	
	Flammal	ble solid:		Combustible: YES F			Flammable Gasses:				
Cargo Hazards	Oxidisin	g:		Oxygen	Depleting	: YES	Toxic:			YES	
	Radioactive:			Corrosiv			Other:				
	Dusty:		YES	Subsidia							
Safety & Hazard Information	IMSBC C	ode:		Shipper'	s Informa	tion:	Safety Da	ata Sheet/Other:			
Cargo Handling	Equipme				and Conti						
Weather			g on cargo en if risk o				n/snow/ot	:her:			
	Flammal	ble Gasse	5:	Toxic Ga	sses:		Oxygen:				
Atmospheric		e.		1	Nonoxide		Depletion: YES				
Testing	Hydrogen: Other:			Carbon Dioxide (CO2): YES			Excess:				
Requirements				Hydrogen Sulphide:							
	Des Franz Test Description			Other:			Personal Monitors				
	Pre- Entry Test Required:			Test Intervals:Before re- entry after each stoppage							
Test Instruments	YES Maket H	oneywell		Id. Number: 12345			Required Calibration			10	
Cargo Holds to be	No.1#	No.2#	No.3#	No.4# No.5# No.6#							
Entered	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	110.0#	110.7#	110.04		0.5#	
Hold Accesses.	Open Ty				May cont	tain	Controls:	At. Te	sts /Ve	entin	
Ladders / Stairs			ype? YES		e O2 deple				Entry Permit		
Adjacent Spaces			Fosc'e St				rds:Oxy				
Ventilation	Status: F	lequired		Mechan	cal: YES		Natural:	YES			
PPE and other		Safety	Hi-Vis	Gloves		Person		Other	r:		
safety equipment	Helmet		Clothing		Mask	Monito	r YES				
Fumigation	Have ho	lds been a	assessed by	y an autho	rized fum	igator-in	-charge	N/A	YES	NO	
	and approved as gas free and safe for entry?							X			
Enclosed Space	Is Hold E	intry Pern	nit Require	ed?					х		
Entry Permit	(see IMSBC Code (2018) p.570)										
Attendant Person:	Is Attend	lant Perso	on Require	ed?					Х		
Rescue Plan	Is Rescue Plan in place for holds / spaces to be loaded/unloa						nloaded ?		х		
	Is Rescue Team familiar with holds and hold accesses?								Х		
	Is Rescue Equipment available?								Х		
Emergency Comms	Are appr	Are appropriate arrangements for enclosed space entry in place?							Х		
Signed: Master / (						<u> </u>	e				
Signed: Terminal R							1e				
Signed: Attendant F							ie				

### **WOODCHIPS:**

- Is a Group B cargo
- Is Hazardous

### **Discharging Group B Cargo**

*If shore personnel* are required to enter holds containing Woodchips or any Group B cargo, then a Risk Assessment should be completed jointly by Ship and Terminal representatives to:

- **1. Identify the hazards**
- **2.** Identify the risks
- **3.** Identify the required controls

Completed Form is signed, dated and Filed

# Case Study- "MV A Navigation"

### Port Kelang - April 2018

- Post Panamax bulk carrier discharging coal
- Day 1: Hatch covers all open on arrival
- Day 2: Continuous unloading
- Day 3: All hatches open for two days
- Tests show safe atmosphere in all holds (Oxygen 20.9% with zero Methane)
- 05.00: Stevedores complete No.2#
- 10.00: Burning smell from No.2#
- **16.00:** Body of stevedore recovered from upper section of No.2 hold ladder
- He was not wearing a personal gas monitor
- It was his first time to work on a ship
- Findings:
  - Gas disturbed by unloading accumulated in top section of ladder trunk
  - Source of ignition unknown maybe phone?

Shippers Form provided to Master declared cargo as a *Group B*, stating.

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- The cargo emits methane
- *May cause explosive atmosphere*
- Methane is lighter than air so may accumulate in upper section of hold
- Individual Schedule gives similar advice

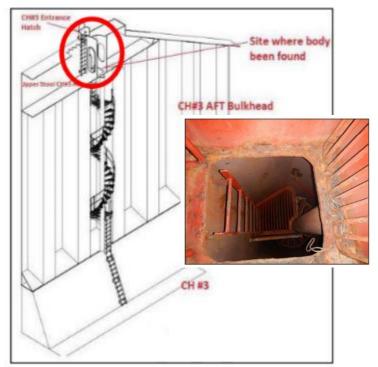


Figure 1: Location of body



# THANK YOU

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**Co-sponsors of submission to IMO CCC 6:** 

United Kingdom

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- IHMA <u>https://www.harbourmaster.org/</u>
- NI <u>https://www.nautinst.org/</u>
- MV "A Navigation" <u>https://mtip.gov.mt/en/msiu/Documents/MV%20A%20Navigation\_Final%20Safety%20Investigation%20Report.pdf</u>
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