

IMDG 42-24: REGULATORY CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHARCOAL (CARBON)

MSC CUSTOMER ADVISORY

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Dear Customers,

On January 1 2026, Amendment 42-24 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code introduces important changes concerning the transportation of charcoal. Specifically, previous exemptions from the Dangerous Goods List are removed and a new Special Provision 978 for charcoal (UN1361) has been added imposing stricter and mandatory requirements relating to declaration, packaging, traceability and safe-handling.

To enhance safety of crew, vessels and customer cargo, **MSC will enforce the specified IMDG requirements on a mandatory basis starting from 1 November 2025.**

To support customers with transitioning to these new regulations, MSC has prepared summary document detailing the new requirements, which can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions, please [contact your local MSC representatives](#) in our global network of more than 675 offices.

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