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To: All IMO Members
United Nations and specialized agencies
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Non-Member States which are States Parties to relevant IMO instruments
Liberation movements

Subject: **Twelfth session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (14 to 18 September 2026)**

1 The Secretary-General has the honour to invite representation at the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC), which has been scheduled to take place from **9.30 a.m. (UTC+1) on Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 September 2026**, at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.

2 The provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee (CCC 12/1) is attached hereto. Other relevant documentation will be issued in due course.

3 Working and drafting groups on subjects to be selected from the following may be established during the session:

- .1 development of technical provisions for safety of ships using alternative fuels;
- .2 development of a safety regulatory framework to support the reduction of GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels;
- .3 amendments to the IMDG Code; and
- .4 revision of the *Revised guidelines for the preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual* (MSC.1/Circ.1353/Rev.2) to include a harmonized performance standard for lashing software to permit lashing software as a supplement to the Cargo Securing Manual (CSM).

whereby the Chair, in consultation with the Secretariat, taking into account the submissions received on the respective subjects, will advise the Sub-Committee before the session on the final selection of such groups.

4 The Secretary-General would appreciate being informed, in due course, of the names of representatives, delegates and observers, as appropriate, intending to participate in the forthcoming twelfth session of the Sub-Committee.

Use of hybrid meeting capability to complement in-person participation

5 The Council, at its 132nd session (C 132), agreed to permanently establish the utilization of hybrid capabilities to support in-person meetings and invited the other IMO organs to do the same. Information on hybrid meetings is provided in Circular Letter No.4627.

Submission of documents

6 In accordance with the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6), the deadlines for the submission of documents to the session and the method of submitting documents are specified in paragraph 1 of the notes to the provisional agenda for CCC 12 (CCC 12/1). A link to a template is available on the home page of the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents.

7 Further to the decisions taken by the Council at its 120th regular session (C 120/D, paragraph 4.9), and by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its 100th session (MSC 100/20, paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3), regarding access to information and transparency, submitters of meeting documents are invited to give their consent for their documents to be released to the public prior to the meeting by checking the "opt-in box" at the top right corner of the new document template provided on IMODOCS (pre-session public release). In the absence of explicit consent, submissions will not be released to the public prior to the meeting.

Use of the Meeting Document Submission Portal on IMODOCS

8 The online Meeting Document Submission Portal on IMODOCS ([Submission Portal](#)) should be used for the submission of documents for consideration by the different IMO bodies. Users can submit documents, download documents, review edits suggested by the Secretariat, check the status of a submission and receive notifications sent from the Portal.

9 The Submission Portal is accessible through the IMODOCS homepage (<https://docs.imo.org>) under the "Document Submission Portal" tab, as set out in Circular Letter No.4662.

Statements

10 To facilitate the interpretation of interventions during the session, delegations are encouraged to provide advance copies of statements to the Secretariat by email to statements@imo.org.

Code of Conduct

11 Delegates are subject to the Code of Conduct for Delegates, Observers and Other Participants at IMO Meetings, Events and Activities to Prevent Harassment including Sexual Harassment (Circular Letter No.4908).

ANNEX 1

REGISTRATION, ACCREDITATION AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Registration

Member Governments, UN agencies, IGOs and NGOs are required to provide, prior to the meeting date, the names of all the members of their delegations including Permanent Representatives, Assistant Permanent Representatives and Members of Permanent Missions attending the meeting via the Online Meeting Registration System (OMRS), as advised in Circular Letter No.4336 of 5 November 2020.

Active participants are those registered as either *physical* (attending meetings at IMO Headquarters in person) or *remote-active*. They are authorized to take the floor and make interventions. Passive participants are those only able to follow proceedings remotely via live-streaming.

Remote-active participants will receive a personalized joining link via email daily before each session starts at approximately 08.30 UTC/UTC+1. The Zoom link is unique to the recipient and should not be shared with anyone. Accuracy of the registered email address in OMRS is crucial.

Remote-passive participants automatically receive a link, once their registration is approved, to a web stream of the session (live-streaming), which will be broadcast via the IMODOCS page. It is important to note that the option for remote-passive participation is available only if the meeting is live-streamed.

In-person participants should not join the Zoom meeting when physically present in the Main Hall or Committee Rooms, as this will have a detrimental impact on the hybrid system and reduce the number of licences available for those joining remotely.

Delegates wishing to change their participation status from in-person to remote-active or vice versa must do so in the OMRS through their respective OMRS Delegation Coordinator(s). Subsequently, they will receive a joining link for the meeting.

Delegates attending the meeting in person who have completed the registration procedure will be issued with an electronic access card at IMO to pass through the security barrier in the IMO Headquarters.

Issue of the access card will require photographic proof of identity, e.g. passport, identity card or driving licence. Delegates may also be required to show proof of identity at any time while they are in the IMO Headquarters if requested by IMO Security. In view of the significant costs incurred in producing access cards, delegates who have previously been issued with one are kindly requested to bring it with them for reactivation.

Any matters relating to the use of the OMRS and participation in the forthcoming meetings of CCC 12 should be communicated to:

Registration Unit
Meeting Services, Meeting Support Section
Email: onlineregistration@imo.org

Members of delegations will not be registered to attend the meeting without authorization from their respective OMRS Delegation Coordinator(s). Delegates whose names do not appear on the OMRS list will be asked to contact their OMRS Delegation Coordinator in order to process their authorization to attend the meeting.

Delegates are advised that the Registration Desk will be open from 7.30 a.m. (UTC+1) on **Monday, 14 September 2026**, when early arrival would be appreciated.

Remote or hybrid participation

Delegates joining the meeting remotely are urged to use appropriate equipment, and are kindly requested to wait a few seconds before starting to speak and to endeavour to speak slowly and clearly, to facilitate interpretation in other languages.

Code of Conduct

Delegates, participants, attendees and guests are subject to the Code of Conduct for Delegates, Observers and Other Participants at IMO Meetings, Events and Activities to Prevent Harassment including Sexual Harassment (Circular Letter No.4908).

ANNEX 2

PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE SUPPORT BY IMO OF VISA APPLICATIONS

As established in article 7.2 of part III on Access and communications of the Headquarters Agreement, delegates are entitled to have their entry into the United Kingdom authorized without delay and without charge.

All delegates who are travelling to participate in this meeting will require an entry visa for the United Kingdom. Delegates should **not** apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) but instead apply for an "**EXEMPT**" visa at www.gov.uk/exempt-vignette, note the reference numbers and follow the online instructions to attend either the nominated Visa Application Centre or the United Kingdom Embassy or High Commission. Those delegates travelling to the United Kingdom on a regular basis may apply for a multi-entry exempt visa. United Kingdom visa applications should be accompanied by the following documentation:

- i. a copy of this circular letter, (numbered CL.5111), to be used as the official letter of invitation;
- ii. the nomination letter; and
- iii. a note verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Delegates must be nominated by their competent ministry (usually the Ministry of Transport or the National Maritime Administration). The nomination letter should be accompanied by a note verbale issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

If delegates encounter visa problems, either the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Transport, the National Maritime Administration or the competent ministry should send an official communication to the Head of the IMO External Relations Office requesting visa assistance. The communication should state the reasons given by the British Embassy/High Commission as to why visas have been or may be refused and contain the following details:

- i. First name
Family name
Profession
Date of birth
Passport no.
Valid until
Visa reference number
Date and place of visa application
- ii. Purpose of visit
- iii. Duration of anticipated stay in the United Kingdom

This exercise must be undertaken at least six weeks before the date on which this session begins, to enable the Organization to support the visa application accordingly and to enable the visa to be issued in good time.

Any requests for visa assistance should be communicated to visa@imo.org.



SUB-COMMITTEE ON CARRIAGE OF
CARGOES AND CONTAINERS
12th session
Agenda item 1

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**for the twelfth session of the Sub-Committee, to be held
from Monday, 14 September to Friday, 18 September 2026
at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR**

(Session commences at 9.30 a.m. (UTC+1) on Monday, 14 September 2026)

- Opening of the session
- 1 Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Decisions of other IMO bodies
- 3 Amendments to the IGF Code and development of guidelines for alternative fuels and related technologies (2.3)
- 4 Development of a safety regulatory framework to support the reduction of GHG emissions from ships using new technologies and alternative fuels (3.8)
- 5 Amendments to the IMSBC Code and supplements (7.13)
- 6 Amendments to the IMDG Code and supplements (7.10)
- 7 Revision of the Revised guidelines for the preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual (MSC.1/Circ.1353/Rev.2) to include a harmonized performance standard for lashing software to permit lashing software as a supplement to the Cargo Securing Manual (7.40)
- 8 Consideration of reports of incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas (7.28)
- 9 Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, environment, facilitation, liability and compensation-related conventions (7.1)
- 10 Biennial status report and provisional agenda for CCC 13
- 11 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2027
- 12 Any other business
- 13 Report to the Committees

Notes:

1 In accordance with the *Organization and method of work of the Maritime Safety Committee and Marine Environment Protection Committee and their subsidiary bodies* (MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6):

- .1 documents should be received by the Secretariat as follows:¹
 - .1 documents (including information documents) containing more than six pages of text (bulky documents),² by **Friday, 12 June 2026** (13-week deadline);
 - .2 non-bulky documents, including information documents (six pages or fewer) and bulky information documents submitted in electronic format, by **Friday, 10 July 2026** (nine-week deadline); and
 - .3 documents (four pages or fewer) commenting on those referred to in sub-paragraphs .1 and .2 above, by **Friday, 24 July 2026** (seven-week deadline). These documents should start with a paragraph clearly indicating the document on which comments are made and stating that the document is submitted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6.12.5 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6;
- .2 for reasons of economy, documents should be submitted in single spacing, be as concise as possible and:
 - .1 all documents should include a brief summary prepared in accordance with MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6;
 - .2 substantive documents should conclude with a summary of the action the Sub-Committee is invited to take; and
 - .3 information documents should conclude with a summary of the information contained therein; and
- .3 the following word-processing format should be observed in order to standardize the presentation of documents:
 - font: Arial;
 - font size: 11;
 - justification: full;
 - margins: 2 cm top, 2.5 cm bottom, left and right.

A template is available on the IMODOCS website for use in the preparation of documents.

¹ Documents other than information documents and reports of sub-committees, working, drafting, correspondence and other groups and the Secretariat, which contain more than 20 pages, in line with paragraph 6.11 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6, will not be translated in their entirety. Such documents should include, for translation purposes, a summary not longer than four pages, with the technical content submitted as an annex in the language needed by working groups (i.e. English).

² In the case of documents containing more than 50 pages, the provisions of paragraph 6.12.1 of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6 apply.

To facilitate processing, documents should be submitted through the IMODOCS homepage (<https://docs.imo.org>) under the "Document Submission Portal" (Submission Portal) in Microsoft Word, as set out in Circular Letter No.4662. To submit any electronic files for processing by the Secretariat, submitters should click on the tab and use the templates available for submissions. Detailed information on how to use the Portal is set out in the annex to Circular Letter No.4662. All submissions will be acknowledged via a notification sent from the Submission Portal. The status of a submitted document can be checked on the Submission Portal. For any queries relating to the Submission Portal, please email the Secretariat at imodocs@imo.org.

2 The Committees' Method of Work has recommended that the provisions of MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.6, which, inter alia, provide that the Secretariat should strictly apply the rules concerning the submission of documents and not accept late submissions from Member States or international organizations, should be strictly observed.

3 In order to improve access to information and increase transparency, submitters of meeting documents are invited to give their consent for their documents to be released to the public prior to the meeting by checking the "opt-in box" at the top right corner of the new document template provided on IMODOCS (pre-session public release). In the absence of explicit consent, submissions will not be released to the public prior to the meeting.
