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## **TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS**

### **INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS CODE (IMDG CODE)**

#### **Amendment No. 30-2000 (Amendt. 30-00)**

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-second session (17 to 26 May 2000), adopted in accordance with resolution A.717(17), Amendment No. 30-00 to the IMDG Code, as agreed by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) at its fifth session (7 to 11 February 2000) and finalized by the Sub-Committee's Editorial and Technical Group as indicated in document DSC 5/13/Add.1.

2 The Committee agreed that Amendment No. 30-00 to the IMDG Code should enter into force on 1 January 2001, with a twelve-month transitional period until 31 December 2001, on the understanding that it is the prerogative of Governments to implement amendments to the Code in whole or in part at any earlier date following circulation of the adopted amendments by the Organization and that the Organization would be notified of any such early implementation.

3 The Committee instructed the Secretariat to inform Member Governments of the adopted amendments to the IMDG Code prior to their publication\*.

4 For reasons of economy and in compliance with the existing rules, the complete text of Amendment 30, as given in document DSC 5/13/Add.1, has not been reproduced again.

5 MSC 72 also decided to defer the consideration of the issue of the mandatory application of the IMDG Code to the next session and requested the Secretariat to make any necessary changes to the text of Amendment 30-00 to reflect the recommendatory nature of the Code, which will be reflected in the printed version of the Code.

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\* Every effort is being made to have the publication available in all working languages as quickly as possible. The English text is expected to be on sale from October 2000. The French and Spanish texts will follow as soon as possible thereafter.