

SC 250 Fire-Extinguishing Arrangements in Cargo Spaces (Res. MSC.268(85), IMSBC Code)

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For certain individual schedules of solid bulk cargoes in Appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code as amended, such as FISHMEAL (FISHSCRAP) STABILIZED UN 2216, SEED CAKE, containing vegetable oil UN 1386, SEED CAKE UN 2217, the following ventilation requirement is present:

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If the temperature of the cargo exceeds 55°C and continues to increase, ventilation to the cargo space shall be stopped. If self-heating continues, then carbon dioxide or inert gas shall be introduced to the cargo spaces

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Interpretation

This self-heating phenomenon shall be regarded as an emergency condition such that it is not necessary to provide a separate fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing system or inert gas system dedicated to the control of the self-heating of the cargo within the cargo holds. The fixed carbon dioxide or inert gas fire-extinguishing system complying with the provisions of the Fire Safety Systems Code required by SOLAS Regulations II-2/10.7.1.3 or II-2/10.7.2 may be used for this purpose. Fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems or inert gas systems installed on board dedicated to the protection of spaces other than cargo spaces cannot be used for this purpose.

Note:

1. This Unified Interpretation is to be uniformly implemented by IACS Societies from 1 July 2012.

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