RESOLUTION MSC.238(82)

(adopted on 1 December 2006)

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE SAFE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF BULK CARRIERS

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO resolution A.862(20), by which the Assembly, at its twentieth session, adopted the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code),

NOTING that the Assembly authorized the Committee to keep this Code under review and amend it as may be necessary,

CONSIDERING that the application of the BLU Code should be extended to ships carrying grain,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its eighty-second session, amendments to the BLU Code prepared by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers, at its eleventh session,

- 1. ADOPTS the amendments to the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers, the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
- 2. DETERMINES that the above-said amendments should become effective on 1 January 2007.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE SAFE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF BULK CARRIERS

Introduction

- 1 In paragraph 3, the words ", excluding grain," are deleted.
- The following new paragraph 8 is added after the existing paragraph 7:
 - "8 In the event of a conflict between this Code and the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code), the provisions of the International Grain Code should prevail."

SECTION 5

CARGO LOADING AND HANDLING OF BALLAST

3 At the end of paragraph 5.1.4, the words ", or the International Grain Code, as appropriate" are added.

APPENDIX 4

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE SHIP/SHORE SAFETY CHECKLIST

4 At the end of paragraph 17, the words ", or the International Grain Code, as appropriate" are added.