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## Ruling concerning the transport by sea of dangerous goods.

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### 4. Notification Number

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### 5. Title

Ruling concerning the transport by sea of dangerous goods.

### 6. Products Concerned

The products under consideration are dangerous goods  
transported in packages or in a solid form in bulk, including  
goods potentially harmful to the environment (marine  
pollutants) and waste, such as those defined by the  
International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (I.M.D.G. Code).

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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### 8. Main Content

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This ruling is divided into two parts:

#### a) General Provisions.

These aim to implement the International Maritime  
Dangerous Goods Code currently in force and the amendments  
thereto which, in particular, set out in detail the  
packing and stowage conditions for dangerous goods. The  
provisions form the main part of the national regulations  
on shipping safety and the prevention of pollution.

#### b) Special rules for the transport by sea of dangerous goods.

The aim of this second part is to specify certain rules of  
the I.M.D.G. Code. These additional paragraphs provide the  
user with instructions where the text of the I.M.D.G. Code is  
imprecise. It details in particular what is understood in  
France by 'competent authority' within the meaning of the  
I.M.D.G. Code.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Motivation



In accordance with resolution A 716 (17), adopted on 6 November 1991 by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organisation, this ruling recognises the I.M.D.G. Code as being the basis for the regulations for the transport by sea of dangerous goods and includes the new provisions of the Code which come into force as of 1 January 1993. These provisions are included so that international maritime traffic and the exchanges of these goods can be facilitated and carried out freely and in total safety. Similarly, this ruling completes the provisions of the 1974 international convention on the safeguard of life at sea, 1974 (SOLAS 74) and the international convention on the prevention of pollution by ships (MARPOL 73/78) which require that all signatories to these conventions should publish or should have published detailed instructions establishing the packing and stowage conditions of dangerous goods and, in particular, the precautions required when dangerous goods are stored with other goods.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

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International conventions:

- 1974 international convention on the safeguard of life at sea, 1974 (SOLAS 74), Chapter VII, part A, Transport of goods in packages or in solid form in bulk.
- International convention on the prevention of pollution by ships, Appendix III, Rules relating to the prevention of pollution by harmful substances transported by sea in packages (MARPOL 73/78).
- International convention on safe containers, of 2 December 1972 (C.S.C. convention).

International recommendations:

- International maritime dangerous goods code currently in force (IMDG Code).

French regulations:

Ruling appended to the order of 23 November 1987 relating to the safety of ships, cargoes and containers, Volume 7.

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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