

Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code)

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The following amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its one hundred and first session and the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its seventy-fourth session and are to enter into force on 1 January 2021.

Resolution MEPC.319(74)

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Chapter IV

Special requirements

1 *A new section 4.24 is inserted after existing section 4.23 as follows:*

“4.24 Hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) detection equipment for bulk liquids

Hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) detection equipment shall be provided on board ships carrying bulk liquids prone to H₂S formation. It should be noted that scavengers and biocides, when used, may not be 100% effective in controlling the formation of H₂S. Toxic vapour detection instruments complying with the requirement in 3.11.1 of the Code for testing for H₂S may be used to satisfy this requirement.”

Chapter V

Operational requirements

2 *Paragraph 5.2.7 is replaced by the following:*

“5.2.7 Where column *m* in the table of chapter VI of this Code refers to this paragraph, the cargo is subject to the prewash requirements in regulation 13.7.1.4 of Annex II of MARPOL.”

Chapter VI

Summary of minimum requirements

IBC/BCH Codes cross-references to the requirements

3 *The following cross-references are added under section Special requirements (column o):*

“15.15 4.24
16.2.7 5.2.7”