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**Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Grain) (Amendment)
Regulation 2025**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under sections 104, 107 and 112B of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 January 2026.

2. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Grain) Regulations amended

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Grain) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AA) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule amended (loading of grain in bulk in accordance with the Grain Code)

(1) The Schedule, paragraph 1(g)—

Repeal

“partly filled compartments shall be level”

Substitute

“a partly filled compartment must be levelled, but if the compartment is a specially suitable compartment referred to in subparagraph (k), then in relation to that compartment, only the free grain surface in way of the hatch opening has to be levelled”.

(2) The Schedule, paragraph 1(j)(iii)—

Repeal

“B5.2”

Substitute

“B6.2”.

- (3) The Schedule, after paragraph 1(j)—

Add

- “(k) In a specially suitable compartment that falls within the description in A2.8 of the Grain Code for which the Certifying Authority issuing the document of authorization has granted dispensation from trimming the ends of that compartment, the bulk grain must be filled to a level equal to or above the bottom edge of the hatch end beams but may be at its natural angle of repose outside the periphery of the hatch opening.”.

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Explanatory Note

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Grain) Regulations (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AA) (*principal Regulations*) implement the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (*Grain Code*), which has been made mandatory for ships engaged in the carriage of grain in bulk under Chapter VI of the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

2. Amendments to the Grain Code have been adopted by the International Maritime Organization by Resolution MSC.552(108) on 23 May 2024.
3. This Regulation amends the principal Regulations to reflect the relevant amendments by—
 - (a) specifying the requirements under which grain is to be stowed in a specially suitable compartment that is referred to in the new paragraph 1(k) of the Schedule to the principal Regulations; and
 - (b) updating a reference to a provision in the Grain Code.