



Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit BG Verkehr

Class-Circular No.: **01/2015**

Subject: – **Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code)**
– **Guidance on providing safe working conditions for securing of containers**

Reference: **MSC.1/Circ.1352; ISM Circular No. 03/2011**

Remark: --

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This circular clarifies the application of the amendments to the CSS Code as laid down in MSC.1/Circ.1352 on ships sailing under the German flag.

1. The guidance on providing safe working conditions for securing of containers on deck contained in the new Annex 14 of the CSS Code and the information given in ISM Circular No. 03/2011 should be taken into account by companies when developing and implementing instructions and procedures within their safety management systems.
2. The amendments have to be considered as guidance and have no mandatory character.
3. It is not required to carry out a survey and/or certification of the implementation of the amendments to the CSS Code.
4. A survey and/or certification can be carried out on a voluntary basis if requested by the company. Any certificate or statement of compliance issued shall not contain the remark that the certificate/statement of compliance has been issued on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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