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**Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this Administration, Seafarers & IMO Member States**

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**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE**

The International Maritime Safety Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code has been adopted during the 85<sup>th</sup> session of the Maritime Safety Committee as Resolution MSC.268(85) superseding the existing Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes, 2004 adopted by resolution MSC.193(79) and is made mandatory through new SOLAS regulation VI/1-2 adopted by resolution MSC.269(85)

Please be advised that it is currently not this Administrations intention to make implementation of the Code mandatory before the implementation into force of the SOLAS revisions on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011

This Administration does however, authorise Recognised Organisations (RO's) with who we have Agreements for the Delegation of Statutory Services, to undertake issuance of Statements of Compliance under the IMSBC Code for those Owner/Operators/Managers seeking to document compliance with the Code prior to that date.

This Circular Letter serves as such authorisation.

If you have any questions about this please contact us.

Yours truly,

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