

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS
CARRYING DANGEROUS OR POLLUTING GOODS) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 1998**

I, MICHAEL WOODS, Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 3 of the European Communities Act, 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), and for the purpose of giving effect to Commission Directive No. 96/39/EC of 19 June, 1996(1), and to Commission Directive No. 97/34/EC of 6 June, 1997(2), hereby make the following regulations:

- (1) O.J. No. L 196 of 7.8.1996, page 7
- (2) O.J. No. L 158 of 17.6.1997, page 40

REG 1

- 1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Minimum Requirements for Vessels Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) (Amendment) Regulations, 1998.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 15th day of October, 1998.

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- 2. Regulation 3(1) of the European Communities (Minimum Requirements for Vessels Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) Regulations, 1995 (S.I. No. 229 of 1995), is hereby amended -
 - (a) by the substitution for the definition of "IBC Code" of the following:

" 'IBC Code' means the IMO International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk, as it is in force on the 1st day of January, 1996;"
 - (b) by the substitution for the definition of "IGC Code" of the following:

" 'IGC Code' means the IMO International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk, as it is in force on the 1st day of January, 1996;"
 - (c) by the substitution for the definition of "IMDG Code" of the following:

" 'IMDG Code' means the IMO International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, as it is in force on the 1st day of January, 1997;"
 - (d) by the substitution for the definition of "IMO Resolution A. 648 (16)" of the following:

" 'IMO Resolution A. 648(16)' means the International Maritime Organisation Resolution 648(16) adopted by the Assembly at its sixteenth session on the 19th day of October, 1989, and entitled 'General Principles for Ship Reporting Systems and Ship Reporting Requirements, including Guidelines for Reporting Incidents Involving Dangerous Goods, Harmful Substances and/or Marine Pollutants', as it is in force at the time of adoption of the Council directive;"
 - and
 - (e) by the substitution for the definition of "MARPOL" of the

following:

" 'MARPOL' means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 done at London on the 2nd day of November, 1973, as amended by the Protocol thereto done at London on the 17th day of February, 1978, as it is in force on 1st day of January, 1996;"

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3. The European Communities (Minimum Requirements for Vessels Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) Regulations, 1995 (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 (S.I. No. 3 of 1998), are hereby revoked.

GIVEN under my Official Seal this 13th day of October, 1998.

MICHAEL WOODS

Minister for the Marine and Natural Resources

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations give effect to Commission Directive 96/39/EC of 19 June, 1996 and Commission Directive 97/34/EC of 6 June, 1997, both of which amend Council Directive 93/75/EEC concerning minimum requirements for vessels bound for or leaving Community ports and carrying dangerous or polluting goods. These Regulations also amend the European Communities (Minimum Requirements for Vessels Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) Regulations, 1995 (S.I. No. 229 of 1995) accordingly.