

Annex 1

THE MOST COMMONLY USED IMO CAUTIONARY SIGNS AND MARKS

Cautionary signs and placards for hazardous cargo have been developed through the work of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The following chapter reproduces both text and symbols from IMO documents. Shippers are urged to obtain their own full colour version of the placards and signs from the IMO.

SOLAS Convention - Safety of Life at Sea.

According to regulation 4 (marking, labelling and placarding) of part A of chapter VII of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, packages containing dangerous goods shall be durably marked with the correct technical name and be provided with distinctive labels or stencils of the labels, or placards, as appropriate.

IMDG Code - International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

Labels and placards are assigned to each class of dangerous goods in the IMDG Code, and denote the hazards involved by means of colours and symbols. Colours and symbols should be as illustrated except that symbols and texts on green, red and blue labels and placards may be white.

The class number should appear in the bottom corner of the label or placard. The use of the texts shown on the illustrations and of further descriptive texts is optional. However, for class 7 the text should always appear on the labels and the special placard. If texts are used for the other classes, the texts shown on the specimens are recommended for the purpose of uniformity.

Dangerous goods which possess subsidiary dangerous properties must also bear subsidiary risk labels or placards denoting these hazards. Subsidiary risk labels and placards should not bear the class number in the bottom corner.

Labels for packages should not be less than 100mm x 100mm except in the case of packages which, because of their size, can only bear smaller labels. Placards for cargo transport units should not be less than 250mm x 250mm, should correspond with respect to colour and symbols to the labels and should display the number of the class in digits not less than 25mm high.

Some consignments of dangerous goods should have the UN number of the goods displayed in black digits not less than 65mm high either against a white background in the lower half of the placard or on a rectangular orange panel not less than 120mm high and 300 mm wide, with a 10mm black border, to be placed immediately adjacent to the placard.