



**REPUBLIC OF  
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR**

**Marine Notice**

**No. 2-011-3**

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF  
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Carriage of Grain**

- References:**
- (a) **SOLAS**, *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea*, Consolidated Edition 2020
  - (b) **2008 IS Code**, *International Code on Intact Stability, 2008*
  - (c) **IMO Resolution [MSC.23\(59\)](#)**, *Adoption of the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk*, adopted 23 May 1991
  - (d) **RMI Maritime Act**, [MI-107](#), *Part-I - Carriage of goods (§404)*
  - (e) **RMI Marine Notice [2-015-1](#)**, *Intact Stability, Damage Stability, and Strength of Vessels*
  - (f) **RMI [Technical Circular 24](#)**, *Stability Instruments*

**PURPOSE**

This Marine Notice is to ensure that ships are properly approved for grain loading with adequate documentation in accordance with the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (the “International Grain Code”), which is mandatory under SOLAS VI.

This version supersedes Rev. June/2011. This Marine Notice has been streamlined and the applicability section has been amended to better align with the International Grain Code.

**APPLICABILITY**

This Marine Notice applies to all Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged ships regardless of size, including those of less than 500 gross tons, engaged in the carriage of grain in bulk. This includes non-self-propelled barges constructed or utilized for the carriage of grain.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

### **1.0 General**

- 1.1 Carriers must “properly and carefully load, handle, stow, carry, keep, care for, and discharge the goods carried” under RMI Maritime Act [MI-107](#), §404.
- 1.2 As per SOLAS VI/ 9.1 a cargo ship carrying grain must comply with the requirements of the International Grain Code, (IMO Resolution [MSC.23\(59\)](#)) and hold a document of authorization as required by the International Grain Code.
- 1.3 Grain loading arrangements must be approved by an RMI Recognized Organization (RO) in accordance with the provisions of SOLAS VI. These ROs have been authorized to issue grain loading document authorizations and approve loading manuals on behalf of the Administrator.

### **2.0 Documents of Authorization**

- 2.1 A ship not having on board a document of authorization issued previously in accordance Part A-3 of the International Grain Code may be permitted to load bulk grain provided that the ship, in its proposed loaded condition, complies with the requirements the Code (see Part A-9).
- 2.2 Prior to loading, the relevant calculations, loading plans, and other data must be submitted to an RMI RO for approval.

### **3.0 Ship’s Stability**

- 3.1 As a special criterion of the 2008 IS Code, the stability of ships engaged in the carriage of grain must comply with the requirements of the International Grain Code.
- 3.2 Refer to Marine Notice [2-015-1](#) and [Technical Circular 24](#) for the Administrator’s requirements on intact stability and the approval of stability instruments.