



Changes to Material Safety Data Sheets for Bunker Fuels

The Marine Safety Committee of The International Maritime Organisation (The MSC of the IMO) has approved and adopted revised guidelines for a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) to be supplied to a ship carrying MARPOL Annex I cargoes and bunker fuels.

This regulation will come into force on 1 July 2009.

The MSDS should contain safety, handling, and environmental information and should be supplied to the ship prior to the loading of MARPOL Annex I type oil as cargo in bulk and the bunkering of oil fuel

The IMO lays down 16 sections which should be addressed by the MSDS :-

1. Identification, including trade name, of the substance or mixture, and details of the supplier.
2. Hazards identification, including GHS* classification of the substance/mixture.
**Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals*
3. Composition/information on ingredients
4. First aid measures
5. Fire-fighting measures
6. Accidental release measures including methods and materials for containment and clean up.
7. Handling and storage, including any incompatibilities.
8. Exposure controls/personal protection, including appropriate technical precautions and individual protection measures, such as personal protective equipment.
9. Physical and chemical properties
10. Stability and reactivity
11. Toxicological information
12. Ecological information
13. Disposal considerations
14. Transport information
15. Regulatory information
16. Other information including information on preparation and revision of the MSDS

Lintec will keep clients up to date on any issues regarding the new guidelines as they are implemented.

