



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF SURVEYORS ON  
**INTACT STABILITY**  
**IMO 2008 IS CODE**  
**& Explanatory Notes**

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**Applicable to the following ship types: -**  
**Cargo ships**  
**Cargo ships with timber deck cargoes**  
**Passenger ships**  
**Fishing vessels**  
**Special purpose ships**  
**Offshore supply vessels**  
**MODUs**  
**Pontoons**  
**Cargo ships carrying containers on deck**  
**Container ships**

**having length  $\geq 24$  m**  
**and**  
**keels laid on or after 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008**



## AMENDMENTS

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## Introduction

### INTACT STABILITY 2008 IS CODE

This publication includes the full text of the IMO 2008 Intact Stability (IS) Code<sup>1</sup> which entered into force for applicable ships with keels laid on or after December 5, 2008<sup>2</sup> and the associated Explanatory Notes<sup>3</sup>.

In Issue 1 the original text of the Code was updated to show various subsequent amendments introduced by Resolutions MSC.319(89), MSC.389(95), MSC.413(97) and MSC.415(97). Issue 2 now includes amendments introduced by MSC.1/Circ.1537 and the corrigenda included in MSC 85/Add.1/Corr.3/Rev.1. These text amendments are highlighted, and notes indicate their various dates of entry into force as appropriate. The omission of the term (f/B) in the formula for  $M_L$  in Part B paragraph 2.9.1.2 of Issue 1 has now been corrected.

MCA Guidance Notes or additions/explanations to the original text are shown in blue font as appropriate. The main chapter headings are hyper-linked in the contents for ease of reference.

The mandatory regulations in the Introduction and Part A are shown in black Ariel 12 font and the recommended provisions in Part B are shown in black Ariel 10 font. The Explanatory Notes are shown in red Ariel 10 font after the Code itself.

Current intact stability related UK SI's and guidance remain applicable to all vessels constructed before 5/12/2008 and any such vessels which undergo major conversion after 5/12/2008.

<sup>1</sup> See Resolution MSC.267(85), adopted on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

<sup>2</sup> See MSC.1/Circ.1292 "Early application of the international code on intact stability, 2008" concerning the date of entry into force encouraging member states to apply the Code from 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

<sup>3</sup> See MSC.1/Circ.1281 "Explanatory Notes to the International Code on Intact Stability, 2008.

## **Guidance on International Code on Intact Stability 2008 (2008 IS Code)**

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