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Memorandum of Understanding for the Transport of Packaged Dangerous Goods on Ro-Ro Ships in the Baltic Sea

The competent authorities of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden authorize the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (Baltic MoU) by exemption in accordance with 7.9.1.1 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code).

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) informed other IMO member states about the Baltic MOU by circular CCC.1/Circ. 1 (Annex 1). According to the Maritime Safety Act (MSOS) subsection 1 (6¹) we publish IMO Circular CCC.1/Circ.1 which makes it possible to apply the Baltic MOU for the transport of packaged dangerous goods on ro-ro ships between the ports alongside the Baltic Sea as well as in domestic sea transport.

This MoU lays down the exemptions from the provisions of the IMDG Code for the transport of packaged dangerous goods on ro-ro ships in the Baltic Sea when transporting dangerous goods covered by Appendix C of the Convention Concerning International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (COTIF) or Annexes A and B of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR).

The valid version of the Baltic MOU is published on the [website](#) of the Estonian Maritime Administration (EMA) and it is applicable without issuing a special certificate when appropriate training concerning the Baltic MOU of persons involved in transport of dangerous goods has been carried out.

On the basis of MSOS § 42 in order to ensure maritime safety the EMA, together with the Tax and Customs Board and the Police and Border Guard Board, carries out the joint checks of the cargo transport units which are loaded on ro-ro ships in accordance with MSC.1 /Circ. 1442 (Annex2).

Sincerely

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Annex 1 – CCC.1/Circ.1 22 pp

Annex 2 – MSC.1/Circ. 1442 17 pp