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**EXEMPTIONS GRANTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SOLID BULK CARGOES (IMSBC) CODE**

Communication received from the Government of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

1 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-fifth session (26 November to 5 December 2008), by resolution MSC.268(85), adopted amendments to chapters VI and VII of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974, as amended, to make the provisions of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code mandatory under the Convention.

2 Paragraph 1.5 of the Code provides guidance to the competent authority or competent authorities, as appropriate, on granting exemptions.

3 A communication has been received from the Government of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) concerning exemptions which, in accordance with provision 1.5.2 of the Code, is circulated to SOLAS Contracting Governments for information and action, as appropriate.

Translation

Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

**Office of the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
to the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**

Ref. No. N-008-11

20 June 2011

The Office of the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela presents its compliments to the IMO Secretariat and takes this opportunity to inform it that, in accordance with the provisions of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, section 1, paragraph 1.5, subparagraph 1.5.2.1, it encloses, for information and consequent action, six exemptions issued by the National Institute for Aquatic Spaces, in its capacity as national maritime authority, to the following six companies: Venprecar, C.A; Ferrominera Orinoco, C.A; Sidor, C.A; Comsigua, C.A; Diproinduca, C.A; and Materiales Siderúrgicos (Matesi), S.A.

These companies are thus authorized to transport by sea bulk cargoes of "Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) (C), By-product Fines" with a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent but less than 12 per cent.

The Office of the Representative of Venezuela takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of IMO the assurance of its highest esteem.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Capt. Luis Alejandro Ojeda P.
Permanent Representative

(Seal of the Permanent Representative's Office)

**BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AQUATIC SPACES**

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AND EQUIVALENT MEASURE

Under the authority conferred by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, pursuant to the provisions of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) concerning the transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines).

This certificate of exemption under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code authorizes the company VENPRECAR, C.A. to transport by sea the material DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines), as included in appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code, provided that the above-mentioned material has a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent but less than 12 per cent.

In addition this certificate authorizes, under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code, the following equivalent measure for the safe handling and maritime transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines) having a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent and less than 12 per cent:

Inert gas and inert conditions shall not be applied, this provision being fully replaced by the use of mechanical ventilation as specified in the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code).

This certificate must be applied in accordance with the above and taking into consideration the following:

- 1) Compliance with the mandatory aspects established by the IMSBC Code.
- 2) Specifically, compliance with sections 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.5, 5.1, 9.3.2.1.2, 9.3.2.1.3 and 9.3.2.1.4 of the IMSBC Code with reference to mechanical ventilation and ships' longitudinal moments and forces.
- 3) Compliance with the recommendations provided in the shipper's maritime guide regarding procedures for loading, transport, monitoring during transit and emergency plans.
- 4) A copy of this exemption shall accompany the established documents handed to the master of the vessel at each loading (Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Prior to Loading; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Temperature inside Hold; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes).

This certificate is valid until: 23 May, 2014

Issued in Caracas, Venezuela

23 May, 2011

(date of issue)

(Signed)

LUIS ANTERO RODRIGUEZ GUEVARA

President, National Maritime Administration

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Serial No. C 30986

**BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AQUATIC SPACES**

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AND EQUIVALENT MEASURE

Under the authority conferred by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, pursuant to the provisions of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) concerning the transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines).

This certificate of exemption under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code authorizes the company CVG FERROMINERA ORINOCO C.A. to transport by sea the material DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines), as included in appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code, provided that the above-mentioned material has a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent but less than 12 per cent.

In addition this certificate authorizes, under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code, the following equivalent measure for the safe handling and maritime transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines) having a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent and less than 12 per cent:

Inert gas and inert conditions shall not be applied, this provision being fully replaced by the use of mechanical ventilation as specified in the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code).

This certificate must be applied in accordance with the above and taking into consideration the following:

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- 2) Specifically, compliance with sections 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 4.5, 5.1, 9.3.2.1.2, 9.3.2.1.3 and 9.3.2.1.4 of the IMSBC Code with reference to mechanical ventilation and ships' longitudinal moments and forces.
- 3) Compliance with the recommendations provided in the shipper's maritime guide regarding procedures for loading, transport, monitoring during transit and emergency plans.
- 4) A copy of this exemption shall accompany the established documents handed to the master of the vessel at each loading (Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Prior to Loading; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Temperature inside Hold; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes).

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MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AQUATIC SPACES**

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AND EQUIVALENT MEASURE

Under the authority conferred by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, pursuant to the provisions of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) concerning the transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines).

This certificate of exemption under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code authorizes the company SIDOR, C.A. to transport by sea the material DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines), as included in appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code, provided that the above-mentioned material has a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent but less than 12 per cent.

In addition this certificate authorizes, under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code, the following equivalent measure for the safe handling and maritime transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines) having a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent and less than 12 per cent:

Inert gas and inert conditions shall not be applied, this provision being fully replaced by the use of mechanical ventilation as specified in the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code).

This certificate must be applied in accordance with the above and taking into consideration the following:

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- 3) Compliance with the recommendations provided in the shipper's maritime guide regarding procedures for loading, transport, monitoring during transit and emergency plans.
- 4) A copy of this exemption shall accompany the established documents handed to the master of the vessel at each loading (Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Prior to Loading; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Temperature inside Hold; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes).

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**BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AQUATIC SPACES**

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AND EQUIVALENT MEASURE

Under the authority conferred by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, pursuant to the provisions of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) concerning the transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines).

This certificate of exemption under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code authorizes the company COMSIGUA, C.A. to transport by sea the material DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines), as included in appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code, provided that the above-mentioned material has a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent but less than 12 per cent.

In addition this certificate authorizes, under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code, the following equivalent measure for the safe handling and maritime transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines) having a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent and less than 12 per cent:

Inert gas and inert conditions shall not be applied, this provision being fully replaced by the use of mechanical ventilation as specified in the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code).

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- 3) Compliance with the recommendations provided in the shipper's maritime guide regarding procedures for loading, transport, monitoring during transit and emergency plans.
- 4) A copy of this exemption shall accompany the established documents handed to the master of the vessel at each loading (Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Prior to Loading; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes – Temperature inside Hold; Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Solid Bulk Cargoes).

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AQUATIC SPACES**

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This certificate of exemption under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code authorizes the company DIPROINDUCA, C.A. to transport by sea the material DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines), as included in appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code, provided that the above-mentioned material has a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent but less than 12 per cent.

In addition this certificate authorizes, under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code, the following equivalent measure for the safe handling and maritime transport of DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines) having a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent and less than 12 per cent:

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This certificate of exemption under section 1.5 of the IMSBC Code authorizes the company Materiales Siderúrgicos, S.A. (MATESI) to transport by sea the material DIRECT REDUCED IRON (DRI) (C) (By-product fines), as included in appendix 1 of the IMSBC Code, provided that the above-mentioned material has a moisture content greater than 0.3 per cent but less than 12 per cent.

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