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**USE OF THE CORRECT PRODUCT NAME IN OFFERING
BULK LIQUID CARGOES FOR SHIPMENT**

1 In order to ensure that vessel operators and crews are able to ascertain that bulk liquids offered for shipment have been evaluated for transport in bulk and apply the appropriate carriage and operational requirements as laid out in SOLAS chapter VII, MARPOL Annex II and chapters 17 and 18 of the IBC Code, paragraph 16.2.2 of the IBC Code reads:

“Any cargo offered for bulk shipment should be indicated in the shipping documents by the correct technical name ...”

2 In recognizing the importance of this issue and wishing to emphasize it further, paragraph 16.2.2 in the text of the amended IBC Code, adopted by MEPC 52 (resolution MEPC.119(52)) and MSC 79 (resolution MSC.176(79)), reads:

“Any cargo offered for bulk shipment shall be indicated in the shipping documents by the product name under which it is listed in chapter 17 or 18 of the IBC Code or the latest edition of the MEPC.2/Circular or under which it has been provisionally assessed ...”

3 Given that there is some evidence that confusion over the exact nature of a particular cargo may have contributed to a recent incident involving fatalities, Member States are urged to draw the attention of all stakeholders to the importance of fulfilling their obligation to refer to cargoes only by the product name as it appears in chapter 17 or 18 of the IBC Code or the latest edition of the MEPC.2/Circular.
