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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR SAFE CONTAINERS (CSC), 1972,
AS AMENDED**

Material characteristics of CSC Safety Approval Plates

- 1 The appendix to the CSC Convention stipulates that the Safety Approval Plate should take the form of a permanent, non-corrosive, fire-proof rectangular plate.
- 2 The Recommendations on harmonized interpretation and implementation of the CSC Convention, approved by the Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-second session (24 to 28 May 1993) and circulated as CSC/Circ.100, paragraph 10.8, state that each Administration may define such material characteristics “permanent, non-corrosive and fire-proof” in its own way or simply require that the Safety Approval Plate be of a material which it considers meets this definition (e.g. a suitable metal).
- 3 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-fifth session (15 to 24 May 2002), considered the proposal by the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers at its sixth session, and agreed that information on the implementation of the requirements for material characteristics of the CSC Safety Plates be circulated to all Contracting Parties to the CSC Convention.
- 4 Governments concerned are invited to provide the Secretariat with information on whether they have defined the material characteristics of the Safety Approval Plate in their own way and, if so, provide relevant detailed information.
- 5 Otherwise Governments are invited to provide the Secretariat with information about the material which from their point of view meets the requirements laid down in the definition; as well as information on any problems they have experienced in the application of this circular.