The International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code relates to the safe carriage of dangerous goods by sea, but does not include all details of procedures for packing of dangerous goods or actions to take in the event of an emergency or accident involving personnel who handle goods at sea. These aspects are covered by the publications that are associated with the IMDG Code, which are included in this Supplement.

The Maritime Safety Committee, at its ninety-ninth session, approved the Revised Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS Guide) (MSC.1/Circ.1588), which is a complete replacement text as prepared by the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) at its fourth session (11 to 15 September 2017) and finalized by the Sub-Committee’s Editorial and Technical Group.

The Supplement also includes texts of the Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods (MFAG), descriptions of the reporting procedures for incidents involving dangerous goods, harmful substances and/or marine pollutants, recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships, the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board Ships (INF Code), and other appropriate Assembly resolutions, resolutions and circulars of the MSC and circulars of the Facilitation Committee (FAL) and of the Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) (formerly Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers).

New and updated documents include Amendment to the Recommendations on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Ships applicable to the Fumigation of Cargo Holds (MSC.1/Circ.1264) (MSC.1/Circ.1396), Amendments to Inspection Programmes for Cargo Transport Units Carrying Dangerous Goods (MSC.1/Circ.1521), Revised Guidance on Continued Use of Existing IMO Type Portable Tanks and Road Tank Vehicles for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (CCC.1/Circ.3). The IMO/ILO/UNECE Guidelines for packing of cargo transport units are no longer included in this Supplement.