

3 Document of authorization

3.1. A document of authorization shall be issued for every ship loaded in accordance with the regulations of this Code either by the Administration or an organization recognized by it or by a Contracting Government on behalf of the Administration. It shall be accepted as evidence that the ship is capable of complying with the requirements of these regulations.

3.2. The document shall accompany or be incorporated into the grain loading manual provided to enable the master to meet the requirements of A 7. The manual shall meet the requirements of A 6.3.

3.3. Such a document, grain loading stability data and associated plans may be drawn up in the official language or languages of the issuing country. If the language used is neither English nor French, the text shall include a translation into one of these languages.

3.4. A copy of such a document, grain loading stability data and associated plans shall be placed on board in order that the master, if so required, shall produce them for the inspection of the Contracting Government of the country of the port of loading.

3.5. A ship without such a document of authorization shall not load grain until the master demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Administration, or of the Contracting Government of the port of loading acting on behalf of the Administration, that, in its loaded condition for the intended voyage, the ship complies with the requirements of this Code. See also A 8.3 and A 9.

4 Equivalent

Where an equivalent accepted by the Administration in accordance with regulation I/5 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, is used, particulars shall be included in the document of authorization or in the grain loading manual.

5 Exemptions for certain voyages

The Administration, or a Contracting Government on behalf of the Administration, may, if it considers that the sheltered nature and conditions of the voyage are such as to render the application of any of the requirements of this Code unreasonable or unnecessary, exempt from those particular requirements individual ships or classes of ships.

6 Information regarding ship's stability and grain loading

6.1. Information in printed booklet form shall be provided to enable the master to ensure that the ship complies with this Code when carrying grain in bulk on an international voyage. This information shall include that which is listed in A 6.2 and A 6.3.