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Proposals for amendments to the final draft of the CTU Code:

General comments and proposals for a revised structure

Contents of annexes

Recommendations by the IMO Working Group on Container Safety

- Annex 1. Consequences of improper packing procedures
- Annex 2. Information and documentation flow
- Annex 3. Safe transport of containers at sea As mentioned in the introduction of annex 3, the content is outside of the scope of the CTU Code. Therefore, this should be deleted
- Annex 4. Quick lashing guides
- Annex 5. Condensation damage
- Annex 6. CTU types Although this annex provides some useful information, it is very voluminous. It has to be questioned whether such in-deep information is really necessary for the packer of a CTU
- Annex 7. Intermodal road / rail / sea load distribution This annex was discussed by the Group of Experts but was found very difficult to be understood. All required information on load distribution, at least in that extent as needed by a CTU packer, is already provided in annex 14, section 3. Therefore, annex 7 should be deleted
- Annex 8. Approval plates
- Annex 9. Transport of perishable cargo This annex is outside of the scope of the CTU Code. The information on condensation damage provided in annex 5 is considered sufficient. This annex should be deleted.
- Annex 10. (Left void) This annex should be deleted.
- Annex 11. CTU condition checks
- Annex 12. Receiving CTUs
- Annex 13. Minimising the risk of recontamination

- Annex 14. Packing and securing cargo into CTUs
Appendix 2 Carton performance. This appendix serves no purpose in the CTU Code and can be deleted.
Appendix 6 should be deleted.
- Annex 15. Manual handling This annex was not discussed by the Group of Experts. Its goes beyond the scope of the CTU Code as it addresses general issues of occupational safety. This annex should be deleted.
- Annex 16. Access to tank and bulk tops, working at height
- Annex 17. CTU seals This annex contains very extensive information on seals. It is not considered necessary to have such excessive information in the CTU Code. It could be appropriate to delete this annex.
- Annex 18. Fumigation This annex repeats information which is already provided in the IMDG Code. Furthermore, the information provided is not fully consistent with chapter 5.5 of the IMDG Code. It was agreed by the Group of Experts that the CTU Code should not repeat mandatory requirements of other legal instruments. The reasons are first to avoid redundancy and second, more important, to avoid discrepancies, as mandatory legal instruments such as the IMDG Code are more often revised than the CTU Code. With respect to the CTU Code, all necessary information on fumigation is already provided in annex 12, section 4. Therefore, this annex should be deleted.
- Annex 19. Testing CTUs for hazardous gases This annex should be deleted as the information is available in annex 12, section 5.
- Annex 20. Topics to be included in a training programme
- Annex 21. Acronyms