

Intersessional Working Group on Carriage of more than 12 Industrial Personnel (IP) on board vessels engaged on international voyages

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The purpose of the International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel* (IP Code) is to ensure safety of all persons on board (POB) on vessels particularly those vessels which transport persons other than crew or passengers. The Code is expected to enter into force in 2024.

Relevant safety measures already exist have been included so that those flag States which implemented the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) should carry out smooth implementation of new provisions under this Code.

Significant outcomes at this session

1. New SOLAS chapter and associated Code

- enter into force on 1 July 2024
- It will be a new SOLAS Chapter XV *Safety Measures for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel*
- The IP Code will be associated Code to the new SOLAS Chapter XV

2. Applications

- Cargo ships above 500gt (additional requirements from SOLAS Chapter I)
- High-speed cargo craft above 500gt (additional requirements from SOLAS Chapter X)

*According to the current draft IP Code, *Industrial personnel* means all persons who are transported or accommodated on board for the purpose of offshore industrial activities performed on board other ships and/or offshore facilities.



3. Two certificates required to be an IP ship
 - Industrial Personnel Safety Certificate (IP Safety Certificate); AND
 - Record of Equipment for the IP Safety Certificate (IP Form)

4. “Grandfathering” - Exemption of new regulations for existing ships transfer industrial personnel
 - To certify existing vessels carry industrial personnel onboard, Administration can use MSC Resolution.418(97) *Interim Recommendations on the safe carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on board vessels engaged on international voyages, until entry into force of the new SOLAS Chapter XV and the IP Code.*

5. The meaning of 60 or 240 persons and safety
 - A ship with the total number of POB more than 240 should comply with existing SOLAS regulations for a passenger ship.
 - The total number of persons allowed to be onboard high-speed cargo craft in is up to 60, accordance with the current draft IP Code.
 - A high-speed cargo craft that carries the total number of persons 60 or less should have safety equipment corresponding to the headcount.
 - 60 persons means the total number including crew, passengers, industrial personnel and special personnel**.

6. Further work
 - Denouncement of the exemption for ships certified by MSC Res.418(97) as alternative to the IP Code
 - Requirements for a High-speed cargo craft carrying more than 60 total number of persons
 - Requirements for the provision of sleeping berths to industrial personnel onboard

*Aforementioned IMO documents can be provided if requested.

***Special personnel* means all persons who are not passengers or members of the crew or children of under one year of age and who are carried on board in connection with the special purpose of that ship or because of special work being carried out aboard that ship. Wherever in this Code the number of special personnel appears as a parameter, it should include the number of passengers carried on board which may not exceed 12 (SPS Code, paragraph 1.3.11).