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Charcoal to DG Shipments Update Advisory

Dear Valued Customers,

Effective **1st October 2025**, in lieu of new changes in IMDG Code Amendment 42-24, the following requirements regarding the shipping of **Charcoal**, will be applicable on all new / amended bookings. Maersk will stop accepting non-DG charcoal bookings and only DG charcoal bookings under UN1361/4.2 from pre-audited shippers are acceptable subject to below requirements.

Meanwhile for the shipping of carbon (**CARBON, ACTIVATED**), will be applicable on all bookings new/amended **w.e.f. 1st October 2025**. Maersk will accept activated carbon bookings only from pre-audited shippers, Steam activated/Chemically activated carbon is acceptable either as DG under UN1362/4.2 with Proper Shipping Name CARBON, ACTIVATED or acceptable as non-DG.

For the details of the changing related with charcoal and carbon commodities, you may refer to below table respectively.

For Charcoal		
Time	Before 01 Oct 2025	Since 01 Oct 2025
Cargo acceptance	Accepted as non-DG	Stop accepting as non-DG cargo. Accepted as DG cargo only
Shipper	Acceptable only from pre-approved shipper	Acceptable only from pre-audited shippers
Rate	SPOT rate or Contract rate	Contract rate or Market rate
Booking request	Customer submits booking request with commodity Charcoal as SPOT booking / Contract booking	Customer submits booking request with commodity Charcoal as DG booking with all necessary DG details on Maersk web / EDI / Intra
Documents required at booking request stage	No need of docs for pre-audited customers	1. Material Safety Data Sheet (with the use of the charcoal and DG class: UN 1362 / IMO 4.2), company profile, draft weathering (no container number) 2. Preliminary Dangerous Goods Declaration
Documents submitted by customers before container gated-in	1. Material Safety Data Sheet	1. DG form - MDGF (Multimodal Dangerous Goods Form)
	2. Company Profile	2. Weathering Certificate (same requirement as before) - details in the CA
	3. Self-heating Test	3. Vanning Certificate (same requirement as before) - details in the CA
	4. Accreditation letter of laboratory	4. Packing Certificate - details in the CA
	5. Weathering Certificate	
	6. Vanning Certificate	
	7. Shippers declaration	
	8. Commercial Invoice	
	9. Commodity Photo without packing/cover	



For Steam Activated Carbon			
Time	Before 01 Oct 2025	Since 01 Oct 2025 (DG)	Since 01 Oct 2025 (Non DG)
Cargo acceptance	Accepted as non-DG	Accepting as DG under UN1362/4.2 Non DG	Accepted as non-DG
Shipper	Acceptable only from pre-approved shipper	Acceptable only from pre-audited shippers	Acceptable only from pre-audited shippers
Rate	SPOT rate or Contract rate	Contract rate or Market rate	Contract Rate or SPOT Rate
Booking request	Customer submits booking request with commodity Charcoal as SPOT booking / Contract booking	Customer submits booking request with commodity Steam Activated Carbon DG booking with all necessary DG details on Maersk web / EDI / Intra	Customer submits booking request with commodity Steam Activated Carbon as SPOT booking / Contract booking
Documents required at booking request stage	No need of docs for pre-audited customers	1. Material Safety Data Sheet (with the use of the charcoal and DG class: UN 1362 / IMO 4.2), company profile draft weathering (no container number)	1. Material Safety Data Sheet
		2. Preliminary Dangerous Goods Declaration	2. Shipper Declaration as per SP979: A statement from shipper (real producer of the cargo) certifying commodity is Steam activated carbon on company letterhead signed and stamped with signatures.
Documents submitted by customers before container gated-in			3. Self-Heating Test Certificate with accreditation letter of laboratory
	1. Material Safety Data Sheet	1. DG form - MDGF (Multimodal Dangerous Goods Form)	1. Vanning Certificate
	2. Company Profile	2. Weathering Certificate (same requirement as before) - details in the CA	
	3. Self-heating Test	3. Vanning Certificate (same requirement as before) - details in the CA	
	4. Accreditation letter of laboratory	4. Packing Certificate - details in the CA	
	5. Weathering Certificate		
	6. Vanning Certificate		
	7. Shippers declaration		
	8. Commercial Invoice		
9. Commodity Photo with packing/cover			

We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing working with you in the future.

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