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**REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING THE LOSS OF CONTAINERS TO THE
ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO SOLAS REGULATIONS V/31 AND V/32 AND
TEMPLATES FOR USE BY MASTERS WHEN REPORTING LOSS OR OBSERVATION OF
DRIFTING FREIGHT CONTAINER(S) TO COASTAL AND FLAG STATES**

1 The Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC), at its eleventh session (8 to 12 September 2025), considered matters related to the reporting of containers lost at sea pursuant to SOLAS regulations V/31 and V/32.

2 SOLAS regulations V/31 and V/32 were amended in accordance with resolution MSC.550(108), adopted on 23 May 2024, to require shipmasters to communicate the particulars of an observation of lost or drifting of freight containers by appropriate means without delay and to the fullest extent possible to ships in the vicinity and to the nearest coastal State and to report the loss of containers to the flag State.

3 SOLAS regulation V/31 also requires that the flag State report incidents of lost containers to the Organization.

4 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 111th session (13 to 22 May 2026), agreed to encourage Member States to request that the templates set out in annexes 1 and 2 to this circular be used by masters when reporting the loss of freight container(s), or the observation of freight container(s) drifting at sea, to the nearest coastal State and, in addition, when reporting the loss of freight container(s) to the flag State.

5 As an interim measure, and to assist the Secretariat in monitoring implementation, Member States are kindly requested to submit their reports using the template provided via the following link:

Reporting of loss of freight container(s) from a ship:
[\[https://forms.office.com/e/9iRJmBGRXK\]](https://forms.office.com/e/9iRJmBGRXK)

6 The Secretariat is also developing an electronic reporting solution through the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS) platform to further facilitate the fulfilment of these requirements.

7 The availability of the electronic reporting solution will be communicated to Member States in due course.

8 Coastal and flag States are invited to request that masters use the templates set out in annex 1 (loss of freight container(s)) and annex 2 (observation of freight container(s) drifting at sea) to this circular, respectively, when making such reports.

ANNEX 1

**REPORTING TEMPLATE IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OF FREIGHT CONTAINER(S)
(SOLAS REGULATIONS V/31 AND 32)**

1 General information

From (reporting party):

Master of the ship ☐ Yes ☐ No

Representative (contact details): _____

Type of report: Loss of freight container(s) from a ship

Date and time of the event (UTC): _____

Ship's identity:

IMO number: _____

Ship's name: _____

Call sign: _____

MMSI: _____

To (recipient authorities):

Nearest coastal State: _____

Flag State: _____

Message number: _____

(To be entered in sequential chronological order if multiple reports are sent)

2 Position reporting

Position of ship when freight container(s) lost:

Latitude/Longitude: _____

If exact position is not known, provide:

Estimated position: _____

Position upon discovery of loss: _____

Reporting aids used (if any):

☐ Mechanical ☐ Electronic ☐ Visual ☐ Other:

3 Number of freight container(s) lost:

Estimated number: _____

Total number: _____

4 Type of goods in freight container(s)

Dangerous goods? ☐ Yes ☐ No

UN number(s) (if known): _____

5 Description of freight container(s) lost (as far as available and practicable)

Dimensions of freight container(s) (e.g. 20 ft, 40 ft):

Type(s) of freight container(s) (e.g. reefer, dry, tank):

Number (or estimated number) of empty freight container(s):

6 Additional information (if available and practicable; for example but not limited to)

Cargo description according to the dangerous goods manifest, if applicable:

Description of any cargo spilled overboard:

Wind direction and speed at the time of loss:

Sea current direction and speed at the time of loss:

Estimated drift direction and speed of lost freight container(s):

Sea state (e.g. calm, moderate, rough) and wave height:

Other relevant information:

ANNEX 2

REPORTING TEMPLATE IN THE EVENT OF OBSERVATION OF FREIGHT CONTAINER(S) DRIFTING AT SEA

(SOLAS REGULATIONS V/31 AND 32)

1 General information

From (reporting party):

Master of the ship ☐ Yes ☐ No

Representative (contact details): _____

Type of report: observation of freight container(s) drifting at sea

Date and time of the event (UTC): _____

Reporting ship's identity:

IMO number: _____

Ship's name: _____

Call sign: _____

MMSI: _____

To (recipient authorities):

Nearest coastal State to the position of observation:

2 Position of ship when observed freight container(s) drifting at sea:

Latitude/Longitude: _____

True bearing and distance in nautical miles from a clearly identified
landmark (where possible): _____

Reporting aids used (if any):

☐ Mechanical ☐ Electronic ☐ Visual ☐

Other: _____

3 Number of freight containers observed (as appropriate):

Total number of freight container(s) observed: _____

4 Additional information (if available and practicable; for example but not limited to)

Dimensions of freight container(s) (e.g. 20 ft, 40 ft): _____

Type(s) of freight container(s) (e.g. reefer, dry, tank): _____

Description of any cargo spill: _____

Wind direction and speed: _____

Sea current direction and speed: _____

Estimated drift direction and speed of observed freight container(s):

Sea state and wave height: _____

Other relevant information: _____
