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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 1218**

**The Merchant Shipping (Additional Safety Measures for Bulk Carriers) Regulations 2022**

**PART 3**

Special requirements for bulk carriers

**Solid bulk cargo density declaration**

**16.**—(1) Prior to loading solid bulk cargo on bulk carriers of 150 metres in length or more, the shipper must—

- (a) declare the density of the cargo in writing; and
- (b) provide that information to the master or to the master’s representative.

(2) A bulk carrier to which regulation 14 (structural and other requirements for bulk carriers) applies and which is carrying cargo with a declared cargo density within the range of 1,250 kg/m<sup>3</sup> to 1,780 kg/m<sup>3</sup> inclusive, must either—

- (a) have the density of the cargo verified by an accredited testing organisation<sup>(1)</sup>; or
- (b) comply with all the requirements of these Regulations applicable to the carriage of solid bulk cargo having a density of 1,780 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and above.

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(1) IMO Circular MSC/Circ.908 provides guidelines for the verification of the density of solid bulk cargo and may be obtained from the International Maritime Organization of 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR or from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000 and email [infoline@mca.gov.uk](mailto:infoline@mca.gov.uk)). It is government policy to recommend the use of testing organisations accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) – see <https://www.ukas.com/about-us/about-ukas/>.