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**DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE  
CARGO SECURING MANUAL**

1 In accordance with the 1994 amendments to SOLAS regulations VI/5 and VII/6, cargo units, including containers shall be loaded, stowed and secured throughout the voyage in accordance with the Cargo Securing Manual approved by the Administration, which shall be drawn up to a standard at least equivalent to the guidelines developed by the Organization.

2 The Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC), at its first session (5 to 9 February 1996), considered the draft MSC circular on Cargo Securing Manual (DSC 1/15) prepared by the Working Group established by the Sub-Committee on Containers and Cargoes (BC) at its thirty-fourth session (27 to 31 March 1995) and agreed to the draft Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual, as set out in the annex to this circular, for approval by Maritime Safety Committee at its sixty-six session (MSC 66) which is scheduled to be held from 28 May to 6 June 1996.

3 Recognizing the close proximity between MSC 66 and the entry into force date (1 July 1996) of the 1994 amendments to SOLAS regulations VI/5 and VII/6 and the importance of providing information on guidelines for administrations and other parties concerned, to prepare the Cargo Securing Manual as soon as possible, the Sub-Committee agreed to disseminate the draft Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual by means of this DSC circular to enable those involved to familiarize themselves with the provisions before they are approved and circulated by MSC 66.

4 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned with the aim of preparing a Cargo Securing Manual as soon as possible in compliance with the Guidelines.

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