Regulations of 1 July 2014 No. 945 on the carriage of cargoes on Norwegian ships and barges

Legal basis: Laid down by the Norwegian Maritime Authority on 1 July 2014 under the Act of 16 February 2009 No. 9 relating to ship safety and security (Ship Safety and Security Act) sections 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 19, 21, 22 and 29, cf. Royal Decree of 16 February 2007 No. 171 and Formal Delegation of 31 May 2007 No. 590 by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries.
Amendments: Amended by Regulations of 15 September 2014 No. 1216, 17 December 2014 No. 1770, 29 June 2016 No. 850, 18 December 2018 No. 2131, 9 July 2021 No. 2382, 1 June 2022 No. 1323, 19 December 2024 No. 3275 (in force on 1 January 2025), 16 January 2025 No. 41 (in force on 20 January 2025), 16 December 2025 No. 2678 (in force on 1 January 2026).

Section 1
Scope of application

These Regulations apply to Norwegian ships and barges carrying cargoes, except liquid substances or gases in bulk.

Section 2
Requirements for the carriage of cargoes

For ships engaged on foreign voyages the following shall apply as regulations:

a. the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS) consolidated edition 2020, chapter VI;
b. the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code), cf. MSC.539(107);
c. the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (Grain Code), cf. MSC.23(59) , as amended by MSC.552(108).

The first paragraph shall apply correspondingly to cargo ships and barges engaged on domestic voyages.

The Grain Code shall also apply as regulations to any ship carrying a dry bulk cargo with a natural angle of repose of less than 35°.

Amended by Regulations of 17 December 2014 No. 1770, 29 June 2016 No. 850 (in force on 1 July 2016), 18 December 2018 No. 2131 (in force on 1 January 2019), 9 July 2021 No. 2382, 1 June 2022 No. 1323, 19 December 2024 No. 3275 (in force on 1 January 2025), 16 January 2025 No. 41 (in force on 20 January 2025), 16 December 2025 No. 2678 (in force on 1 January 2026).

Section 3
Additional provisions on cargo securing manual, booklet for stability and strength and loading and unloading plan for cargo ships and barges

Cargo ships and barges shall have on board a cargo securing manual in accordance with SOLAS regulation VI/5.6.

Ships engaged on domestic voyages and barges need not comply with the requirements of SOLAS regulation VI/7 concerning booklet for stability and strength, and loading and unloading plan.

Section 4
Exemptions

The Norwegian Maritime Authority may upon written application permit other solutions than those required by these Regulations when it is established that such solutions are equivalent to the requirements of the Regulations.

The Norwegian Maritime Authority may exempt ships engaged on domestic voyages, barges engaged on domestic and foreign voyages and ships which in exceptional circumstances are required to undertake a single international voyage, from one or more of the requirements of these Regulations, when the company applies for such exemption in writing and one of the following requirements is met:

a. it is established that the requirement is not essential and that the exemption is justifiable in terms of safety;
b. it is established that compensating measures will maintain the same level of safety as the requirement of these Regulations.

Section 5
Entry into force

These Regulations enter into force on 15 September 2014.

As from the same date, the Regulations of 29 June 2006 No. 785 concerning the carriage of cargoes on cargo ships and barges are repealed.