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The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO, at its sixty-seventh session (2 to 6 December 1996), approved the IMO/ILO/UN ECE Guidelines for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTUs) which were prepared by the Working Group on Ship/Port Interface (SPI Working Group) in co-operation with the UN ECE Working Party on Combined Transport (WP.24), subject to editorial improvements by the UN ECE, ILO and IMO Secretariats, if necessary. The Committee instructed the IMO Secretariat to publish the Guidelines, in co-operation with the UN ECE and ILO, after endorsement by these two organizations. The Guidelines were subsequently endorsed by the Inland Transport Committee of the UN ECE in January 1997 and by the Governing Body of the ILO in March 1997 and circulated as MSC/Circ.787 dated 2 May 1997.

These Guidelines, which have been based on the existing IMO/ILO Guidelines for Packing Cargo in Freight Containers or Vehicles, are applicable to transport operations by all surface and water modes of transport and the whole intermodal transport chain, and supersede the previous IMO/ILO Guidelines.

This edition has been amended to conform with Amendment 31-02 of the IMDG Code.