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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1

Insect and mite pests of plant and animal products may be carried into the cargo holds with goods (introduced infestation); they may move from one kind of product to another (cross infestation) and may remain to attack subsequent cargoes (residual infestation). Their control may be required to comply with phytosanitary requirements to prevent spread of pests and for commercial reasons to prevent infestation and contamination of, or damage to, cargoes of human and animal food both raw and processed materials. Although fumigants may be used to kill rodent pests, the control of rodents on board ships is dealt with separately. In severe cases of infestation of bulk cargoes such as cereals, excessive heating may occur.

1.2

The following sections provide guidance to shipmasters in the use of pesticides* with a view to safety of personnel. They cover pesticides used for the control of insect** and rodent pests in empty and loaded cargo holds.

* The word pesticide as used throughout the text means fumigants, Examples of some commonly used pesticides are listed in appendix 1.

** The word insect as used throughout the text includes mites.