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1 Introduction

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These recommendations address the hazards to personnel arising from the operations involved in the carriage of fumigated containers. This guidance is aimed at everyone involved in the supply chain. Although the contents of the container may not be subject to the provisions of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) code, the process of fumigating such a container may bring it into the scope of the code. If the container comes within the scope of the code hazard communication provisions are mandatory. Hazard communication measures required by the IMDG Code include:

- .1 warning signs on containers;
- .2 transport documents describing the fumigation method and, if appropriate, ventilation date; and
- .3 requirements to declare fumigated containers on ships' manifests.

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It is generally acknowledged, however, that there is widespread non-compliance with these requirements. Before entering the container all personnel should assess the risk as to whether it is safe to enter and, if appropriate, determine the level of fumigant present. The use of gas detection equipment may be required.