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MSC Dangerous Cargo Acceptation Policy

This policy is intended to govern the dangerous cargo booking procedures of MSC. It is managed on a day-to-day basis by the MSC Chemical Transport department in Antwerp.

The general policy for acceptance of dangerous goods, waste, scrap, military equipment and critical cargo on MSC vessels is based on next regulations:

- 1. The United Nations IMO and MARPOL Regulations (latest amdts.).
- 2. The National Regulations Port restrictions in all ports around the world.
- 3. The vessel restrictions SOLAS Letter of compliance for the carriage of dangerous substances on board.
- 4. The MSC restrictions.

Class 1 : Explosives	NOT ACCEPTED – only air bag modules or life saving equipment under IMO class 1.4S
Class 2 : Gases	 Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Gas lighters (UN 1057) are NOT accepted on certain trades. Chlorine and dicyanate gases can be excluded due to port restrictions all over the world
Class 3 : Flammable liquids	 Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Some very low flashpoint products are quantitatively restricted on board of the MSC vessels, e.g. dimethyl ether is restricted to maximum 2 TEU per ship.
Class 4.1 : Flammable solids	 Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Substances with a subsidiary risk label "explosive" are not accepted. In cases where the shipper can send a written statement issued by the "Competent Authority" stating that the subsidiary explosive risk label may be dispensed, an exception can be made.

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Class 4.2 : Spontaneously combustible	 Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Pyrophoric liquids (such as aluminium alkyls and butyl lithium) in ISO or NON-ISO tanks are limited to 4 TEU per ship. Cotton, waste, oily is NOT accepted. Cotton, wet is NOT accepted. Charcoal breeze is NOT accepted Thiourea Dioxide is NOT accepted 		
Class 4.3 : Dangerous when wet	Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations.		
Class 5.1 : Oxidizing agent	 Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Ammonium nitrate is NOT accepted. Calcium hypochlorite is NOT accepted on board of MSC ships 		
Class 5.2 : Organic peroxides	 Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Peroxides with a subsidiary risk label "explosive" are NOT accepted. In cases where the shipper can send a written statement issued by the "Competent Authority" stating that the subsidiary explosive risk label may be dispensed, an exception can be made. 		
Class 6 : Toxic	Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Infectious substances are NOT ACCEPTED		

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Class 7 : Radio active	NOT ACCEPTED.	
Class 8 : Corrosive	 Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Packaging Group I and II liquids in tanks, restricted to maximum 8 TEU per shipment. Nitric acid with a concentration higher than 50 % is restricted. Nitric acid with a concentration lower than 50 % is not restricted. 	
Class 9 : Miscellaneous substances	Acceptance on a case-to-case basis and in compliance with the a.m. regulations. Polychlorinated biphenyls are NOT accepted 	
<u>Severe</u> <u>Warning</u>	 Mainly all chemicals run a certain risk, direct or indirect. Therefore we draw your attention to pay special attention to this type of cargo. Do not hesitate to contact us if you need more info. Waste and scrap are all over the world considered as environmental unfriendly. They are very strictly regulated by all authorities. Do check the MSC Intranet – Dangerous Cargo Manual for waste shipments. 	

Be advised that a.m. Dangerous Cargo Acceptation Policy is only valid for MSC cargo.

For Slot Charterer's dangerous cargo, a separate acceptance list must be consulted.

Be guided that we reserve us there right to exclude commodities immediately. Make sure you have an acceptation reference number from MAXS. It is not because certain chemicals are listed in the a.m. list that we guarantee that these commodities will be accepted / loaded.