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SHIP/TERMINAL INTERFACE IMPROVEMENT FOR BULK CARRIERS

1 The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its seventy-sixth session, in considering the Report of the Working Group on Bulk Carrier Safety concerning the issue of the risk control options on ship/terminal interface improvement for bulk carriers, noted the need to harmonize training programmes for terminal operators worldwide.

2 MSC 76, further noted that the above concern could be addressed by the application of the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code) and that the risk control options in the under development Manual on loading and unloading of solid bulk cargoes for terminal representatives would address the concerns referred to above.

3 The Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-eighth session 12 to 21 May 2004, agreed that the application of the BLU Code would address the concerns on risk control options above and urges Member Governments, shipowners and operators and terminals as well as terminal representatives to apply the guidance contained therein.

4 Member Governments are invited to bring the BLU Code and, in particular, guidance on risk control options contained in the BLU Code to the attention of shipowners, shipmasters, shippers, terminals as well as terminal representatives and other parties concerned.
