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**Applicable to:** Shipowners, ship managers, operators and masters of Singapore-registered ships

**REPORTING OF CONTAINERS LOST AT SEA PURSUANT TO SOLAS REGULATIONS V/31 AND V/32, AS AMENDED**

SOLAS regulations V/31 and V/32 were amended through resolution MSC.550(108) that was adopted on 23 May 2024, requiring shipmasters to communicate the observation of loss or drifting of freight container(s) by appropriate means without delay and to the fullest extent possible to ships in the vicinity and to the nearest coastal State and, to report the loss of container(s) to the flag State. The amendments to SOLAS regulation V/31 and V/32 are slated to enter into force on 01 January 2026.

2. Pursuant to the amendments to SOLAS regulations V/31 and V/32, Master of Singapore registered ship shall report the loss or drifting of freight container(s) to the nearest coastal State. To facilitate the reporting of the loss of container to the flag State, the Master or operator of Singapore registered ship shall use the reporting form in the Annex of this circular and submit to [shipping@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:shipping@mpa.gov.sg).

3. Any queries relating to this Shipping Circular shall be emailed to [shipping@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:shipping@mpa.gov.sg).

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**ANNEX**  
**REPORTING LOSS OF CONTAINERS TO FLAG STATE UNDER**  
**SOLAS REGULATIONS V/31 AND V/32**

**1 General Information**

**From (reporting party):**

Master of the ship ☐ Yes ☐ No (contact details: name and email address): \_\_\_\_\_

Representative (contact details: name, company, designation and email address): \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of report:** Loss of freight container(s) from a ship

**Date and time of the event (UTC):**

**Ship's identity:** \_\_\_\_\_

IMO number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ship's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

MMSI: \_\_\_\_\_

**To (recipient authorities):**

Nearest coastal State: \_\_\_\_\_

Flag State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Message number:** \_\_\_\_\_

(To be entered in sequential chronological order if multiple reports are sent)

**2 Position reporting**

**Position of ship when container(s) lost:**

Latitude/Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

**If exact position is not known, provide:**

Estimated position: \_\_\_\_\_

Position upon discovery of loss: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporting aids used (if any):**

☐ Mechanical ☐ Electronic ☐ Visual ☐ Other:

\_\_\_\_\_

**3 Number of freight containers lost:**

Estimated number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number: \_\_\_\_\_

**4 Type of goods in freight containers**

Dangerous goods? ☐ Yes ☐ No

UN number(s) (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**5 Description of freight containers lost (as far as available and practicable; not limited to the following)**

Dimensions of containers (e.g. 20 ft, 40 ft): \_\_\_\_\_

Type(s) of containers (e.g. reefer, dry, tank): \_\_\_\_\_

Number (or estimated number) of empty containers: \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Additional Information (if available and practicable; not limited to the following)**

Cargo description according to the dangerous goods manifest, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of any cargo spilled overboard: \_\_\_\_\_

Wind direction and speed at the time of loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Sea current direction and speed at the time of loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated drift direction and speed of lost freight containers (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sea state (e.g. calm, moderate, rough) and wave height: \_\_\_\_\_

Other relevant information: \_\_\_\_\_

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