

REGULATORY UPDATE – IMDG CODE AMENDMENT 42-24

Pursuant to the provisions entering into force under IMDG Code Amendment 42-24, the revisions made to Special Provision 962 shall become mandatory as of 1 January 2026.

1. Updated UN Classifications

Under IMDG Code Amendment 42-24, UN 3171 can no longer be used for lithium-ion and lithium-metal powered vehicles.

The following UN entries are mandatory:

- UN 3556 – Vehicle, Lithium Ion Battery Powered
- UN 3557 – Vehicle, Lithium Metal Battery Powered
- UN 3558 – Vehicle, Sodium Ion Battery Powered

UN 3171 remains applicable only for vehicles powered by wet cell, sodium metal, or sodium alloy batteries.

2. SP 962 – Class 9 DG Requirements

Vehicles transported under SP 962 must meet the following criteria:

- No leakage from the vehicle, engine, battery, or fuel system.
- Fuel quantity $\leq 1/4$ tank (and ≤ 250 L unless authorized).
- Shut-off valve must be fully closed for gas-powered vehicles.
- Batteries must be protected against damage, short-circuit, and accidental activation.

3. Placarding Requirements

- No label required if transported in an open CTU and vehicle is visible.
- Class 9 labels are required for closed CTUs.
- Labels must be affixed on all four sides of the container. *Failure to comply with applicable placarding requirements may result in administrative actions, penalties, delays, additional costs, or refusal of carriage by competent authorities or port administrations. Arkas Line shall not be liable for any consequences arising from such non-compliance.*

4. Customer Responsibilities

- Declare vehicles with the correct UN number.
- Ensure SP 962 compliance prior to gate-in.
- Confirm container placarding on all four sides.
- Booking and transport documents must reflect IMDG 42-24.

Arkas Line reserves the right to request a Letter of Indemnity (LOI) from the shipper when deemed necessary. The provision of an LOI does not relieve the shipper from its obligations to comply with the IMDG Code, including accurate declaration and proper placarding, nor from liability arising from any misdeclaration or non-compliance.