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## Mandatory Dangerous Goods Declaration for Charcoal

Dear Valued Customer,

Please be advised that as per **IMO IMDG Code Amendment 42-24: Key Updates for Maritime Transport** charcoal must always be declared as Dangerous Goods, classified as UN1361 CARBON, animal or vegetable origin, Class 4.2, effective 1 January 2026.

The updated regulation introduces Special Provision 978 and our requirement to ship charcoal or charcoal products is as follows:

- Dangerous Goods declaration.
- Weathering Report - which includes date of production, date of packaging, type of packaging used and mean temperature of the material on the day of packaging expressed in °C.
- Shipments with Charcoal must be:
  - packed and secured in a proper manner, consistent with the recommendations of the CTU Code (Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units) and guidelines
  - shipped in packaged form which is in good condition and not torn
  - loaded into UN-approved and certified packaging and the requirements for marking, labelling and placarding of packages and containers apply
  - packed into packaging's only when the temperature of the material does not exceed 40°C on the day of packing.
- Stowed in a CTU with minimum headspace 30cm
  - stowage height of the package(s) in the unit should not exceed 1.5 m; or
  - maximum block size of the packages should be 16m<sup>3</sup> and a minimum of 15 cm of space between blocks should be maintained
- Upon request, to supply a vanning survey for final acceptance.

It is the shipper's responsibility to declare cargo correctly and in compliance with IMDG Code before acceptance. Loading of cargo will be precluded if declarations and correct documentation are not in place.

Thank you for your continued support and should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact your local PFL representative.

Sincerely,

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