



# Shipping Carbon / Charcoal on CMA CGM Group Vessels

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USA to/from World  
Effective Immediately

Dear Valued CMA CGM Customer,

Please note the below regarding new regulations about shipping Carbon / Charcoal.

- With the IMDG Code Amendment 42-24, the **Special Provision 925 disappeared**.
- A new **Special Provision 978** is introduced: the new regulation mandates that **all carbon/charcoal shipments shall be classified as dangerous goods, with no exemptions allowed**.

### Special Provision P978 Mandatory Key Points:

- After production, carbon shall be weathered **for at least 14 days before being packaged**
- Carbon shall **not exceed a temperature of 40°C (104 °F)** on the day of packing
- Carbon be packed **in an UN approved and certified packaging**
- **Dangerous Goods Declaration, Weathering Certificate and Vanning Survey** are required.

### IMDG Requirements: Documentation:

- **Dangerous Goods Declaration (DGD)**

IMO DANGEROUS GOODS DECLARATION			
1. Shipper		2. Transportation Document Number	
6. Consignee		3. Page 1 of 1 pages	4. Shipper's Reference
		5. Freight Forwarder's Reference	
10. Vessel/Flight and Date		9. Additional Handling Information	
11. Port/Place Handling			
14. Shipping Marks	Number and Kind of Packages, Description of Goods		GW (kg) CUBE (m3)
SHIPPER'S DECLARATION I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully and accurately described above by the proper shipping name(s), and are classified, packaged, marked and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition for transport according to applicable international and national governmental regulations.			
- UN Number : 1361 - Proper Shipping Name : CARBON - Class : 4.2 - Packing Group : III			
- Date of production : 10 / 02 / 2025 - Date of packing into packaging : 14 / 03 / 2025 - Temperature of the material on the day of packing into the packaging : 32°C			

**NEW specific mandatory requirements**

- Weathering Report (required prior to the carriage)

**CHARCOAL**  
Weathering certificate



- **Producer :**  
 - **Shipper :**  
 - **Consignee :**  
 - **Booking Number :**  
 - **Vessel & voyage :**  
 - **Port of loading / Port of Discharge :**  
 - **Cargo :**

*In reference to the Special Provision 978 of the IMDG Code Amendment 42-24, after production, the unpacked material shall be subject to weathering (stored under cover, but in the open air) for a minimum period of 14 days before being packaged for transport.*

- Description of the whole cooling process :  
 - Date of production (end of pyrolysis) :  
 - Date of packing :  
 - Type of packaging used  
 - Mean temperature of the material on the day of packaging :  
 - Ambient temperature on the day of packaging:

Mandatory information

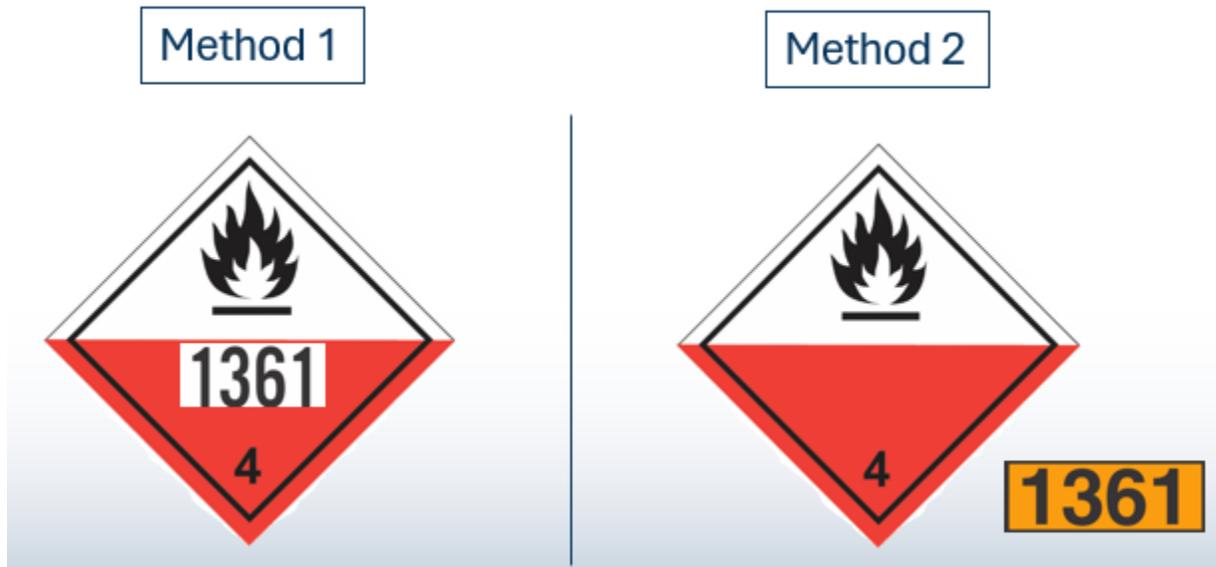
**Name of company**  
**Name / status of declarant**  
**Place and date**  
**Signature of declarant**

**IMDG Requirements: Packages and CTU:**

- **Package**
  - In **packaged form** (*bulk is prohibited*)
  - Shall be **UN** approved and **certified**
  - Specific Packing Instructions fully applies
    - *Large Packaging LP02 is prohibited*
  - Identifiable **mark UN 1361, CARBON** and **label** model Class 4.2



- **Container Transport Unit**
  - **Hazardous** identification on the **4 faces** of the CTU:
    - **Placards** label model Class 4.2
    - **Marks** UN1361 when the shipment contains only carbon/charcoal with more than 4000 kgs



#### IMDG Requirements: Stowage within the Container Unit

- **Container Packing:**
  - **Minimum** 30 cm gap must be left between the cargo and the top of the container
  - For a proper and safer stuffing, CTU Code application is strongly recommended



- **Vanning Survey Report** (*required prior to the carriage*):
  - Cargo shall be packed and secured in a proper manner (*guidelines can be found in the CTU Code*)
  - Packaging is in good condition (*no holes, no tears, no wear...etc.*)
  - Ambient temperature at the date and time of stuffing



- Temperature of the cargo when packed into the CTU (*maximum 5°C above ambient temp*),
- Photo story (*empty, 1/3, 2/3, full*) of the stuffing is provided with temperature reading



We appreciate your attention to these guidelines and encourage you to contact us if you need further clarification regarding the shipping of Carbon / Charcoal on CMA CGM Group vessels.

Best regards,  
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