



Shipping Carbon/Charcoal on CMA CGM Group Vessels

New Regulations for Shipping Carbon/Charcoal

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USA to/from World
Effective June 1, 2025

Dear Valued Customer,

We would like to inform you about important changes regarding the shipping of carbon/charcoal on CMA CGM Group vessels. These changes are in accordance with the IMDG Code Amendment 42-24 and will be effective from June 1, 2025.

Key Changes:

1. Special Provision 925 Removal:

- The previous Special Provision 925 has been removed.

2. Introduction of Special Provision 978:

- All carbon/charcoal shipments are now classified as dangerous goods with no exemptions allowed.

Mandatory Requirements:

1. Weathering and Temperature Control:

- Carbon must be weathered for at least 14 days before packaging.
- The temperature of the carbon must not exceed 40°C (104°F) on the day of packing.

2. Packaging:

- Carbon must be packed in UN approved and certified packaging.
- Bulk packaging is prohibited.
- Specific packing instructions must be followed, and large packaging LP02 is prohibited.
- Packages must be marked with UN 1361 and labeled as Class 4.2.

3. Documentation:

- Dangerous Goods Declaration (DGD)
- Weathering report (required prior to carriage)
- Vanning survey report (required prior to carriage)



4. Container Transport Unit (CTU):

- Hazardous identification on all four faces of the CTU.
- Placards are labeled as Class 4.2 and marked with UN 1361 when the shipment contains more than 4000 kgs of carbon/charcoal.

5. Stowage within the Container Unit:

- A minimum gap of 30 cm must be left between the cargo and the top of the container.
- Proper and safer stuffing is strongly recommended following the CTU Code guidelines.
- The vanning survey report must include:
 1. Proper packing and securing of cargo.
 2. Good condition of packaging (no holes, tears, or wear).
 3. Ambient temperature at the time of stuffing.
 4. Temperature of the cargo when packed into the CTU (maximum 5°C above ambient temperature).
 5. Photo documentation of the stuffing process (empty, 1/3, 2/3, full) with temperature readings.

We appreciate your attention to these new regulations and your cooperation in ensuring the safe and compliant shipping of carbon/charcoal. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our customer service team at usa.service@cma-cgm.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,
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