

New safety rules for charcoal shipments

What you need to know!



February 2025

Regulatory changes affecting CARBON

The updated regulation introduces **Special Provision 978** and follows a phased implementation timeline, with voluntary compliance starting on January 1, 2025, and mandatory implementation from January 1, 2026.

To enhance safety, from **April 1, 2025**, Hapag-Lloyd will require a Dangerous Goods Declaration (DGD) for all charcoal shipments under the new IMDG Code requirements and will **no longer accept non-DG charcoal**.

Key points of legal amendments and Special Provision 978 include:



Charcoal must be weathered for **at least 14 days after production**



Charcoal must only be packed if their **temperature does not exceed 40°C** on the day of packing



Containers must have a **minimum 30 cm headspace**



Dangerous Goods Declaration must contain the following information:

- ✓ **Date of production**
- ✓ **Date of packing into packaging's**
- ✓ **Temperature of the material on the day of packing into packaging**

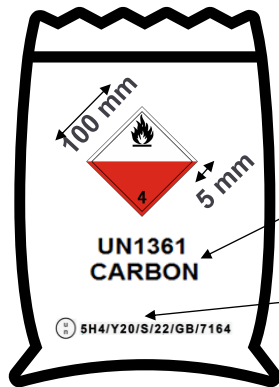
Legal requirements for packages and documentation

Understanding that Charcoal must be declared as dangerous goods (for Hapag-Lloyd as of April 1st 2025), the compliance all IMDG Code provisions is also important and of course mandatory. Documentation, UN-approved and certified packaging and the requirements for marking, labelling and placarding of packages and containers fully apply.

Key points of legal requirements for UN1361

Packaging

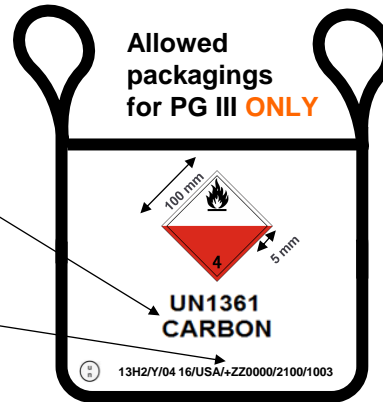
Bags: Certified packaging, labels and marks dimensions



Black letters
>30 kg: 12 mm
≤30 kg: 6 mm

UN marks

IBC: Certified packaging, labels and marks dimensions



Documentation Example

* Number and kind of packages; description of the goods

UN1361 CARBON class 4.2 PG III
250 bags, EmS F-A, S-J

- 1) Date of production: 05/JAN/2025
- 2) Date of packing into packagings: 24/JAN/2025
- 3) Temperature of the material on the day of packing into the packagings: 38 °C".

Emergency Contact : John Smith +56 123 4567

Legal requirement for full containers

Understanding that Charcoal must be declared as dangerous goods (for Hapag-Lloyd as of April 1st 2025), the compliance all IMDG Code provisions is also important and of course mandatory. Documentation, UN-approved and certified packaging and the requirements for marking, labelling and placarding of packages and containers fully apply.

Key points of legal requirements for UN1361:

Placarding

Placards, mark and dimensions



IMPORTANT: Placards on 4 sides of the unit

