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Which one of the following statements best describes the 'Polar Code'? (a) It is the international code of safety for ships operating in polar waters. (b) It is the agreement of the countries around the North Pole regarding the demarcation of their territories in the polar region. (c) It is a set of norms to be followed by the countries whose scientists undertake research studies in the North Pole and South Pole. (d) It is a trade and security agreement of the member countries of the Arctic Council. Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

International code of safety for ships in polar waters. IMO **Polar Code**.

(b)

Territorial demarcation around the North Pole. Not this Code.

(c)

Norms for polar scientists. Different instruments.

(d)

Arctic Council trade-security pact. The Council is not this IMO code.

Summary

Official key is (a). The **Polar Code** is the IMO's International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters - safety, design and environmental rules, not a territorial treaty or **Arctic Council** trade pact.

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Polar Code

IMO; mandatory via SOLAS and MARPOL from 2017.

Arctic Council

Eight Arctic States; soft-law cooperation.

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