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IMO Regulations Recently Entered into Force

Several new IMO regulations and amendments to regulations entered into force on 1st January 2017:

- **Amendments to the 2010 guidelines for monitoring the worldwide average sulphur content of fuel oil supplies for use on-board ships (MEPC.192(61))**

The Manila amendments to the STCW Convention and Code

- SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19 - BNWAS
- International code of safety for ships using gases or other low flashpoint fuels (IGF Code) - SOLAS
- The Polar Code and SOLAS XIV
- Amendments to the Annex of MARPOL Annexes I, II, IV and V (making the use of the environment-related provisions of the Polar Code mandatory)
- Amendments to regulation 12 of MARPOL Annex I
- International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code) Amendment 03-15

For a summary of the regulations and a full list of recent IMO regulations log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

Ballast Water Update:

As of 3rd January 2017, the USCG has type approved three ballast water management systems for use in US waters. The three systems are:

- The Optimarin BWMS (OBS and OBS Ex) (using UV technology) with approval number 162.060/1/0
- the Alfa Laval BWMS PureBallast 3 models, using Idefix and Obelix reactors (using UV technology) with approval number 162.060/2/0
- the OceanSaver MKII BWTS (using electrochlorination technology) with approval number 162.060/3/0.

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

• Australia - Marine Orders - Various

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has issued four new marine orders. These are [Marine Order 17](#) on chemical tankers and gas carriers, [Marine Order 32](#) on cargo handling equipment, [Marine Order 34](#) on solid bulk cargoes and [Marine Order 53](#) on vessels in polar waters.

Issued 01/01/2017.

• Norway - Circular RSV 17 - Industrial Personnel

The Norwegian Maritime Directorate has published a new marine circular on requirements regarding transport and accommodation of industrial personnel. [Read more.](#)

Issued 27/12/2016.

• Singapore - Shipping Circular - Maritime Labour Convention

The Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has issued a new shipping circular on the Maritime

Labour Convention, with regards to the updated certificate requirements. [Read more.](#)

Issued 04/01/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MGN 507 - Oil Pollution Liability**

The UK MCA has issued a marine guidance amendment note on maintaining compulsory insurance against liability for bunker oil pollution damage. [Read more.](#)

Issued 04/01/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MIN 531 - Maritime Labour Convention**

The UK MCA has issued a corrigendum marine information note on the Maritime Labour Convention with regards to food and catering. [Read more.](#)

Issued 05/01/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MIN 536 - Maritime Claims**

The UK MCA has issued a marine information note regarding the publication of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (Amendment) Order 2016, which gives effect to the internationally agreed increases to the Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims Convention 1996, and introduces an ambulatory reference into the Merchant Shipping Act in order to increase these limits in line with future IMO decisions. [Read more.](#)

Issued 04/01/2017.

- **USA - Safety Alert 01/17 - Safety Awareness**

The USCG has issued a new safety alert entitled '*The Best Laid Plans for Safety Are Only as Good as Their Implementation!*'. The safety alert is in regard to the death of a seafarer who fell overboard while engaged in painting the ship's side, without wearing an FPD. [Read more.](#)

Issued 03/01/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas - Rules and Guides**

Bureau Veritas has issued a number of updates to their rules and guides for January 2017. These include revisions to [NR 467](#), which covers the general rules for classification of all steel ships. A number of other revised rules have been released including [NR 529](#) on gas-fuelled ships, [NR 622](#) on asphalt carriers and [NR 527](#) on rules for the classification of ships operating in polar waters, and icebreakers.

Issued January/2017.

- **Korean Register - Technical Information**

The Korean Register of Shipping has published a technical information alert entitled '*De-coupling of the IOPP renewal survey in relation to the implementation of BWM Convention*'. [Read more.](#)

Issued 05/01/2017.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Gard - Alert - Pilot Transfer**

Gard has issued an alert on safe pilot transfer operations in accordance with SOLAS. [Read more.](#)

Issued 03/01/2017.

- **Standard Club - Alert - Nairobi Convention**

The Standard Club has issued a web alert on the likely possibility that the Nairobi Convention will soon be adopted by Norway. [Read more.](#)

Issued 05/01/2017.

- **Swedish Club - Alert - MARS Report**

The Swedish Club has issued a new alert on the latest MARS report for January 2017. [Read more.](#)

Issued 03/01/2017.

- **Skuld - Update - STCW**

Skuld has issued an update article on the STCW Convention regarding the new requirements of

2017. [Read more.](#)

Issued 05/01/2017.

For a full list of recent P&I Club guidance log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMCA - Monthly Bulletin**

The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) has issued its monthly bulletin for December 2016, including a round-up of recent safety flashes. [Read more.](#)

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- **IMO - Regulations - Briefing**

The IMO has issued two new press briefings on the recent regulations which came into force on 1st January 2017. The press briefings give details on the application of the [IGF Code](#) and the [Polar Code](#).

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- **USCG - Newsletter**

The USCG Commercial Regulations and Standards Directorate has issued its December 2016 newsletter focused on marine environmental protection. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Denmark - DMAIB - Marine Accident Report**

The Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board has published its December 2016 Marine Accident Report, which covers the foundering of 'Inuk II'. [Read more.](#)

Issued December/2016.

- **Malta - Marine Safety Investigation Unit - Final Report**

The Maltese government has published a simplified safety investigation report on the serious accident that occurred on the 'MV Hagland Borg' in 2015 during a cargo operation in which a movable bulkhead was used. [Read more.](#)

Issued December/2016.

- **UK - MAIB - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has published a new accident investigation report on the collision that occurred between the general cargo vessel 'Daroja' and the oil bunker barge 'Erin Wood'. [Read more.](#)

Issued December/2016.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.12 - 04/01/17**

AMENDMENTS TO THE SURVEY GUIDELINES UNDER THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION, 2015, FOR SHIPS OPERATING IN POLAR WATERS. [View Circular.](#)

- **SUA.2/Circ.66 - 04/01/17**

PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1426/Rev.1 - 03/01/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATION II-1/3-5. [View Circular.](#)

- **PSLS.6/Circ.74 - 03/01/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.1/Circ.865 - 03/01/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF THE NOX TECHNICAL CODE 2008 RELATED TO THE APPROVAL OF SELECTIVE CATALYTIC REDUCTION (SCR) SYSTEMS. [View Circular.](#)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) - 16th to 20th January 2017
- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) - 30th January to 3rd February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) - 13th to 17th February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and SAR (NCSR) - 6th to 10th March 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) - 20th to 24th March 2017

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