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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Australia - Marine Notice**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has released a marine notice providing general information to shipowners, Masters and crews on Annex VI of MARPOL. This notice supersedes marine notice 2015/12 and focuses on the MARPOL regulations that control emissions of sulphur oxides and nitrogen oxides. [Read more.](#)

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- **Hong Kong - Merchant Shipping Information Notice**

Hong Kong has issued a merchant shipping information notice to publicise the upcoming adoption of the

Ballast Water Management Convention in September 2017. The notice includes a short overview of IMO regulations, as well as important dates for the adoption of the new ballast water guidelines. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Safety Advisory**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has published a marine safety advisory detailing the impact of national and international sanctions on The Republic of the Marshall Islands' registered vessels, particularly with regards to sanctions in place against Iran, Syria, Cuba and North Korea. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has issued a marine notice relating to MARPOL Annex I requirements regarding oil filtering equipment. The notice reflects amendments to the sludge piping requirements under MARPOL Regulation I/12, which entered into force on the 1st January 2017. [Read more.](#)

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- **Singapore - Shipping Circular**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore has released a circular providing guidance on the Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004. The circular gives advice to Singapore-flagged ships on how to meet the requirements for compliance before the entry into force date of 8th September 2017. [Read more](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Rules and Guides**

The American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) has released a guide for the building and classing of semi-submersible heavy lift vehicles. [Read more.](#)

Issued March 2017.

- **DNV - Statutory Guidance**

DNV has issued a new statutory guidance article detailing the upcoming entry into force of the Ballast Water Management Convention, and providing guidance for ships that still do not have an approved BWMP on board. [Read more.](#)

Issued 22/03/2017.

- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circulars**

The Indian Register of Shipping has released six technical circulars this week, including three on ballast water management. The [first](#) outlines the Liberian Maritime Authority's recent marine advisory notice on the revised US ballast water discharge standards. The [second](#) is a reissuing of a Panama Maritime Authority circular providing guidance and instructions to ensure compliance with the BWM Convention, 2004. The [third](#) summarises a Malaysia Shipping Notice (MSN) regarding the enforcement of the BWM Convention.

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- **Class NK - Technical News**

Class NK has issued three technical news updates this week. The first, [TEC-1105](#), is an overview of the outcomes of MSC 97. The second, [TEC-1106](#), revises IHO standards for the use of electronic navigation charts (ENC) in ECDIS on board Japanese-flagged ships. The [third](#) gives instructions relating to the de-harmonization of the IOPP renewal survey by the Administration of Singapore.

Issued 21-23/03/2017.

- **LR - Statutory Alert**

Lloyd's Register (LR) has released a statutory alert (No.03/2017) detailing LRQA's recent achievement of ISO 14065 accreditation to globally deliver services for the assessment of monitoring plans and the verification of emissions reports under the EU Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Regulation. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club**

Two alerts have been issued this week, including:

Alert - ECAs in China

The American Club has issued an alert to advise of emission control areas (ECAs) in the People's Republic of China. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Britannia Steamship Insurance Association**

News - US Immigration

The Britannia Steamship Insurance Association has issued details of the suspension of the recent US Executive Order (EO) on immigration. The EO was due to enter into force on 16th March, but has now been suspended by Federal district court judges. [Read more.](#)

[The North P&I Club](#), [The Shipowner's Club](#) and [The West of England P&I Club](#) have also all released documents covering this issue this week.

To view all notices issued by the Britannia Steamship Insurance Association log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

- **The North P&I Club**

Three guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

Article - ISO Marine Fuel Standards

The North P&I Club has issued an article giving details of the revision of ISO 8217:2017 on the specification of marine fuels. [Read more.](#)

Article - VPS Bunker Alerts

The North P&I Club has issued an article linking to the latest Vertias Petroleum Services (VPS) list of Bunker Alerts. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Shipowners' Club**

News - Crew Health: Malaria prevention

The Shipowners' Club has released a bulletin giving guidance and advice on the prevention and treatment of malaria on board ships. The bulletin includes links to documents created in partnership with the International Seafarer's Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN). [Read more.](#)

To view all notices issued by the Shipowners' Club log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

- **The Standard Club**

The Standard Club has issued five notices this week, including:

Web Alert - Soya Bean Cargo

This alert advises on the export of soya bean cargoes from Uruguay to China, warning of the dangers of high moisture content and self-heating cargo, and linking to protocols on the phytosanitary requirements for soya bean exports. [Read more.](#) The UK P&I Club has also issued general guidance this week on the safe transfer of soya beans. [Read more.](#)

Web Alert - UK Court Ruling

The Standard Club has released a summary of a recent UK court case that provided some clarification of the meaning of 'disembarkation' under the Athens Convention, 1974. [Read more.](#)

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- **The West of England P&I Club**

News - Warning of Fraudulent Fixtures

The West of England P&I Club has warned of the recent circulation of fraudulent fixtures by bogus brokers and has advised caution during negotiations. [Read more.](#)

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IMO - Meeting Summary NCSR 3

The IMO has issued a [meeting summary](#) for the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications, Search and Rescue (NCSR), 3rd session, that took place between the 29th February and 4th March 2017. Among the subjects discussed:

- Galileo was recommended as a component of World Wide Radionavigation System
- Various ship routing systems were approved
- Draft amendments agreed for navigation around offshore multiple structures
- Updated SafetyNet and NAVTEX manuals agreed
- GMDSS review was completed, with a modernisation plan to be developed
- Recognition of Iridium as a GMDSS service provider was considered
- Standards for equipment to accommodate other GMDSS providers
- E-navigation work continued in discussion
- Harmonisation of aeronautical and maritime search and rescue

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

• News - Noise Control

The Maritime Executive has issued an article this week emphasising the importance of regulations and safety measures that help to control shipping-related noise. [Read more.](#)

• News - Ballast Water Management

Hellenic Shipping News has released a comprehensive article outlining the potential ramifications for the world's fleet in light of the upcoming entry into force of the ballast water management convention; the article considers both the cost and the timescale of becoming fully compliant with the convention's requirements. [Read more.](#)

• News - Liberian Registry

The Liberian Registry has this week passed the historic milestone of 150 million gross tonnes, confirming its position as the second largest (in terms of gross tonnage and number of ships) ship registry in the world, second only to Panama. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

• Malta - Investigation Report

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has issued a marine investigation report on the engine room fire that occurred on the oil/chemical tanker 'Askara' off China. The fire was a result of a fuel

oil leak that ignited after contact with the main engine exhaust manifold. [View Report.](#)

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- **Norway - Accident Report**

The Accident Investigation Board of Norway (AIBN) has published a report into the grounding of the ferry 'MF Godfjord'. The grounding occurred following a failure to keep a safe navigational watch; the Master failed to adequately monitor the autopilot and check the ship's position as his attention was focused on completing work orders at the chart table. [View Report.](#)

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- **Sweden - Final Report**

The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority has published its final investigation report into the man overboard incident from the cargo ship 'Nordic Stani'. The casualty, the ship's Chief Engineer, has not been found and is assumed to have perished at sea. [View Report.](#)

Issued 16/03/2017.

Historic Accident Reports of Interest

- **Brazil - Investigation Report**

The Brazilian Maritime Authority's report examines the fatal man overboard accident on board the MV 'Faith N', which took place in 2011 in the Port of Turbarao, Brazil. While attempting to board the vessel, the Captain-substitute lost balance and fell overboard. The report emphasises the importance of IMO guidelines on Pilot transfer arrangements and the wearing of appropriate PPE. [View report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1563 - 22/03/17**

CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS: THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG) CODE - Contact information for the designated national competent authority. [View Circular.](#)

- **BC.1/Circ.74 - 22/03/17**

CONTACT NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICES OF DESIGNATED NATIONAL COMPETENT AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE CARRIAGE OF GRAIN AND SOLID BULK CARGOES. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.2/Circ.22/Corr.1 - 14/03/17**

PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE. Corrigendum. [View Circular.](#)

- **NCSR 4/J/4/Rev.1 - 08/03/17**

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING, EXPERTS AND DRAFTING GROUPS ESTABLISHED DURING NCSR 4 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NAVIGATION WORKING GROUP. [View Circular.](#)

- **NCSR 4/J/1 - 08/03/17**

PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. [View Circular.](#)

For all recent IMO public circulars, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations and amendments that have entered into force this year include:

From 1 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

From 18 January 2017 -

- Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (on financial security arrangements for the protection of seafarers)

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

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Facilitation Committee (FAL) - 4th to 7th April 2017
- Legal Committee (LEG) - 26th to 28th April 2017
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 7th to 16th June 2017
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - 3rd to 7th July 2017
- Technical Co-operation Committee (TC) - 17th to 19th July 2017
- Council - 24th to 28th July 2017
- Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) - 11th to 15th September 2017
- Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) - 25th to 29th September 2017
- London Convention and Protocol Meetings - 9th to 13th October 2017

- Council (extraordinary session) - 20th to 24th November 2017
- Assembly - 27th November to 6th December 2017

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