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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Norway - Circular**

The Norwegian Maritime Authority has issued a new circular on entities stated on financial security certificates, as required by the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. [Read more.](#)

Issued 29/03/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has issued a revised marine notice on the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code). [Read more.](#)

Issued March/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has issued a revised marine notice on the requirements on carriage of publications on board ships. [Read more.](#)

Issued March/2017.

- **Singapore - Port Circular**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore has released a port circular on port dues for vessels handling vehicle cargoes in Singapore. [Read more.](#)

Issued March/2017.

- **Singapore - Shipping Circular**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore has released a new shipping circular on passenger ships. The circular contains the approval and reporting for alterations to structures, including reporting defects and deficiencies and the carrying out of the 5 yearly lightweight survey. [Read more.](#)

Issued March/2017.

- **US - Safety Alert**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert on the need to ensure oven and gas installations in galleys and portable accommodation units are correctly installed. [Read more.](#)

Issued March/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Class NK - Technical Information**

Class NK has issued TEC-1106 with an update of technical information on the additional Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) extension programme update regarding USCG operations. [Read more.](#)

Issued 29/03/2017.

- **Korea Register - Information Updates**

The Korean Register of Shipping has issued two new information updates. The [first](#) is an update on oil

filtering equipment and control of operational discharge of oil. The [second](#) is a meeting summary of the 4th Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE 4).

Issued 29/03/2017.

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

The Indian Register of Shipping has issued two technical circulars this week. The [first circular](#) is in regards to the revised IHO ECDIS Standards plus a bulletin issued by the Barbados Maritime Administration.

The [second circular](#) is in regards to the reporting forms of the Marshall Islands flag State.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD**

The GARD P&I Club has issued two notices this week, including:

Insight Article - Norway

This concerns the right to limit liability under Norwegian law, and the application of the criteria required to support a wreck removal order. [Read more.](#)

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- **The London P&I Club**

Stop Loss Bulletin

The London P&I Club has issued a stop loss bulletin covering subjects including marine warranty surveys, chart folio and publications management onboard, and club inspections. An accident investigation round-up is also included. [Read more.](#)

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- **The North P&I Club**

Industry News - Phillipines

The North P&I Club has issued an article update on the environmental charges for ships transiting the coastal waters of Zambales in the Phillipines. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Standard Club**

Three notices issued this week, including:

Web Alert - Indonesia

The Standard Club has issued an alert on the Indonesian immigration authorities who have become stricter in the enforcement of immigration law for visiting ships. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club**

Two notices issued this week, including:

Member Alert - Peru

The Swedish Club has issued an alert on the mud, landslides and flooding that has occurred recently in the coastal regions of Peru. They advise of disruption to ports, especially in regard to container cargoes. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club**

Two notices issued this week, including:

Cargo Advice - Soya

The UK P&I Club has issued an advice article on the safe transportation of soya bean cargoes. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Outlook**

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has issued its outlook 2017 publication containing the strategic objectives of the organisation, as well as detailing planned maritime developments in Europe. [Read more.](#)

- **IMCA - Safety Materials**

The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) has issued 10 new materials on safety topics. A document and video are provided covering subjects such as working at height, toolbox talks and lifting operations. [Read more.](#)

- **IOPC Funds - Annual Report**

The International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) has released its annual report for 2016. [Read more.](#)

- **ITOPF - Handbook**

The International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF) has produced a new handbook for 2017/18. It contains guidance in case of oil or chemical spills from ships. [Read more.](#)

- **Ireland - News**

The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has issued a marine notice advising of the risks of consuming alcohol while on board any vessel in Irish waters. [Read more.](#)

- **BWTS Type Approval - News**

The IMO has given type approval to the 'Damen Inva Save' ballast water treatment system (BWTS). [Read](#)

[more.](#)

- **Noise Control - News**

The Maritime Executive has issued a news article looking at the issue of noise control in port and at sea. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta - Investigation Report**

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has issued a marine investigation report on the serious injury that occurred during mooring operations on the bulk carrier '*Cielo di Tocopilla*'. [View Report.](#)
Issued March/2017.

- **Japan - Marine Accident Report**

The Japan Transport Safety Board (JTSB) has published a marine accident report on the collision that occurred between the container ship '*Sinokor Incheon*' and the fishing vessel '*Toshimaru*'. [View Report.](#)
Issued March/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **SSE 4/INF.1 - 27/03/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR SAFE CONTAINERS (CSC), 1972 - Implementation, testing, inspection and approval. [View Circular.](#)

- **CSC.1/Circ.156 - 24/03/17**

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

- **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.](#)

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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