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Port State Control (PSC) Update

The Witherby Publishing Group has produced a guidance article for subscribers to [Shipping Regulations and Guidance](#). It includes an explanation of port State control regimes, the various port State MoUs, current and future campaigns, a summary of deficiencies and observations and a common checklist for PSC inspections.

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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Panama - Circulars**

The Panama Maritime Authority has issued two merchant marine circulars recently. The [first circular](#) is in regards to online certificate verification and the [second circular](#) is with regards to imperative anti-piracy security measures.

Issued April/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notices**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has issued two revised marine notices. The [first notice](#) is on the Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) and the [second notice](#) is on the Marshall Island's policy with respect to the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code).

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Guidelines**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has released a revised marine guideline on the requirements for a ship's inventory of hazardous materials (IHM). [Read more.](#)

Issued 31/03/2017.

- **UK - MGN and MINs**

The UK MCA has released a series of Marine Guidance Notes (MGNs) in regards to the surveying of ships including:

- MGN 546 (M) In-Water Surveys. [View Here.](#)
- MGN 561 (M) Surveys – Enhanced Authorisation Scheme. [View Here.](#)
- MGN 568 (M) Surveys - Alternative Compliance Scheme. [View Here.](#)

The UK MCA has also issued Marine Information Note (MIN) 543 on sea service verification on large yachts. [View Here.](#)

Issued March to April/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Rules and Guides**

The American Bureau of Shipping has updated two guides this week. The first is a [guide](#) on the building

and classing of LNG regasification vessels and the second is [notes](#) on qualifying new technologies.

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- **IRClass - Technical Circular**

The Indian Register of Shipping has released a technical circular on the implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention. This is in regards to a recently issued Maritime Cook Islands circular. [Read more.](#)

Issued April/2017.

- **Korea Register - Information Updates**

The Korean Register of Shipping has issued two new information updates. The [first](#) is a brief summary of IMO SDC 4 and the [second](#) is an updated list of national operational contact points for SOPEP/SMPEP.

Issued April/2017.

- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert**

Lloyd's Register has issued a statutory alert on the new EU Implementing Regulation 2017/306. The EU Regulation provides design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for equipment that is subject to the Marine Equipment Directive (MED). [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club**

Member Alert - Loss Prevention

The American Club has issued a member alert for loss prevention containing its 2016 condition survey report. It states that deficiencies concerning cargo systems and machinery are among the two largest categories. [Read more.](#)

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

- **Britannia P&I Club**

Two notices issued this week, including:

Warning - China

The Britannia P&I Club has issued a warning to advise that several ports in China have recently punished foreign ships for use of fuel with a sulphur content over 0.5%, as this contravenes the recently introduced Chinese emission control area (ECA) regulations. [Read more.](#)

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

- **Japan P&I Club**

Two notices issued this week, including:

Loss Prevention - ECDIS

The Japan P&I Club has issued a loss prevention bulletin on ECDIS. The bulletin explains the functions, familiarization training and important points of ECDIS. [Read more.](#)

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- **SKULD P&I Club**

Member Advisory - Chartering

SKULD has released a member advisory in regards to the recent court case of the 'Yangtze'. They state that it provides a cautionary tale to charterers who hastily order a time chartered vessel not to discharge and to remain static for long periods of time, which runs the risk of causing the cargo to perish. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The Swedish Club**

Three notices issued this week, including:

Member Alert - Collisions

The Swedish Club has a member alert containing its monthly safety scenario. The topic is a collision that occurred while being overtaken. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club**

Six notices issued this week, including:

Knowledge - Engine Room Corrosion

The UK P&I Club has issued a knowledge article on corrosion within the engine room, entitled 'Leaking engine rooms caused by steel eaters'. The highly underestimated phenomenon is known as MIC (microbiologically influenced corrosion). [Read more.](#)

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IMO SSE 4

The IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) met from 20th to 24th March 2017 for its 4th session. A press release is now [available](#). The following points were discussed:

- Updated Code for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU) agreed
- Functional requirements and expected performance for SOLAS chapter III agreed
- Guidelines on safety during abandon ship drills using lifeboats agreed
- Guidelines for vessels and units with dynamic positioning systems agreed
- IMO Graphical symbols updated
- Polar requirements - work plan agreed
- Ro-ro fires discussed
- Requirements for onboard lifting appliances and winches discussed
- Ventilation of survival crafts discussed
- Unified draft interpretations endorsed for fire integrity, the calibration of portable instruments and inert gas systems on tankers.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - EMSW**

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has issued an assessment of the development, management and operation of a European Maritime Single Window (EMSW). [Read more.](#)

- **News - Icebergs**

An unusually high number of icebergs have been disrupting shipping in the North Atlantic recently. Icebergs have even been observed outside of the US Coast Guard's ice navigation warning area. Mariners are advised to be vigilant and cautious on voyage in this area and to frequently consult the [iceberg location map](#) for updates. [Read more.](#)

- **News - 'Stellar Daisy'**

The bulk carrier 'Stellar Daisy' sank in the South Atlantic off Uruguay last Friday. So far only two members of the 24 person crew have been rescued. The South Korean owned ship was carrying 260,000 tonnes of ore from Brazil to China. The IMO Secretary General has issued a [statement](#).

- **UNODC - Piracy**

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has issued an article advising that recent attacks indicate that pirates off Somalia's coast are still a potent threat to shipping. They urge mariners to be vigilant. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Vessel identification**

The US Coast Guard Navigation Center's Vessel Identification Verification Service is now available. It is a voluntary service that enables mariners to verify compliance with automatic identification system carriage requirements. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia - Investigation Report**

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) has released an investigation report on the grounding of the general cargo ship 'Searoad Mersey' that occurred near Grassy, King Island in Tasmania. [View Report.](#)

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- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has issued an investigation report on the small passenger vessel 'Uriah Heep' and its allision with the Hythe Pier in the port of Southampton. [View Report.](#)

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- **US - Marine Accident Brief**

The US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released a marine accident brief on the sinking of the towing vessel 'Spence'. The likely cause was considered to be flooding in the aft voice space, which down-flooded into the engine room. [View Report.](#)

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- **New Zealand - Marine Report**

The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) has issued a marine report on the fire that occurred on board the factory fishing vessel 'Amatal Columbia'. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

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

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

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

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