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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Bulletin**

The Bahamas Maritime Authority has issued a revised information bulletin for their STCW 2010 amendments guidance document. [Read more.](#)

Issued 07/04/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notices**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has issued two revised marine notices. The [first notice](#) is on Inmarsat services under the point of service activation concept and the [second notice](#) is a revision to the carriage of publications requirements on Marshall Island ships.

Issued April/2017.

- **UK - MGN and MINs**

The UK MCA has released two Marine Guidance Notes (MGNs) and a Marine Information Notes (MIN) this week:

- [MGN 563](#): Guidance on the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003 and amendments.

- [MGN 567](#): Life-saving appliances - Marine Evacuation Systems, survival craft and launching appliances - risk mitigation for a single point of failure.

- [MIN 542](#): Life-saving appliances - recognised distress signals and advertised alternatives to pyrotechnic flares.

Issued April/2017.

- **US - Safety Alert**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert entitled '*Be Aware and Take Some Care to Identify Suspect and Counterfeit Items!*'. It is in regards to a recent inspection observation that discovered irregular spare parts were used in machinery on a ferry. [Read more.](#)

Issued 06/04/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas - Summary**

Bureau Veritas has issued a summary of the outcomes of the IMO 4th session of the sub-committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC 4). [Read more.](#)

Issued 11/04/2017.

- **IRClass - Technical Circular**

The Indian Register of Shipping has released a technical circular on imperative anti-piracy security measures to be taken on an urgent basis. [Read more.](#)

Issued April/2017.

- **Korea Register - Information Update**

The Korean Register of Shipping has issued a revised information update on the extension of the implementation schedule for USCG approved ballast water management (BWM) methods. [Read more.](#)

Issued 10/04/2017.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The North of England P&I Association**

Update - Libya

The North of England P&I Association has issued an update on the port situation in regards to safe navigation in Libya. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Shipowners' Club**

Two notices issued this week, including:

Guidance - Notice of Readiness

The Shipowners' Club has issued a guidance article on what constitutes a valid tender of notice of readiness. This is in regards to the recent English High Court case of '*MV Arundel Castle*'. The court ruled

that a ship that could not proceed to its berth due to congestion and was subsequently directed to anchor outside port limits by the port authority was held not to be an arrived ship for the purposes of tendering Notice of Readiness (NOR). [Read more.](#)

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

- **SKULD P&I Club**

Loss Prevention - Compliance

SKULD has released a loss prevention document to highlight the importance of compliance with class recommendations. They cite the recent example of a ship carrying a timber cargo that suffered a loss after certain class conditions and recommendations were not followed. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The Standard Club**

Five notices issued this week, including:

Web Alert - Piracy

The Standard Club states that a recent attack on a bulk carrier shows there is no room for complacency in regards to the possibility of Somali pirate attacks. [Read more.](#)

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

The West of England P&I Club has issued two updates this week:

- **Ballast water in Argentina:** ports in Argentina are demanding a certificate of chlorination for the ship's ballast water as an interim measure until the BWM Convention enters into force. [Read more.](#)
- **Cargo holds:** the Club has provided a useful loss prevention guide on the operational issues in regards to cleaning and preparing cargo holds. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The UK P&I Club**

Six notices issued this week, including:

Risk Focus - Hatch Covers

The UK P&I Club has issued a risk focus document on hatch covers, and in particular in regards to weather-tight integrity. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EC - MRV FAQ**

The European Commission has released a response to frequently asked questions on the implementation of the MRV (monitoring, reporting and verification) regulation. From 1st January 2018 the MRV regulation will require ships sailing to or from European ports to monitor and report information, including verified data on their CO₂ emissions. [Read more.](#)

- **IMO - Knowledge Bulletin**

The IMO Maritime Knowledge Centre has issued its Current Awareness Bulletin (CAB) for March 2017. The bulletin provides a comprehensive digest of news and publications related to their work. [Read more.](#)

- **IUMI - Vessel Casualties**

The International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI) reports that there is a continuing increase in the frequency of major vessel casualties along with a rising potential financial risk. They note that a modern Ultra Large Container Carrier may carry 20,000 TEU with a potential cargo value estimated at \$985 million. This can be compared with a total cargo value of \$115 million for a ship such as the 'MSC *Flaminia*', which suffered a fire in 2012. [Read more.](#)

- **ReCAAP - Summary**

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) has issued a 1st Quarter (January to March) summary document. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Ballast Water**

The US Coast Guard Blog has [announced](#) it has received its fifth application for BWMS type approval. A full list of current BWMS type approval applications and approval certificates are posted on the Marine Safety Center's website [here](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- **Canada - Marine Investigation Report**

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) has issued a marine investigation report on the fishing factory trawler 'Saputi' that sank off Nunavut following a striking with ice. [View Report.](#)

Issued April/2017.

- **Germany - Investigation Report**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has released an investigation report into the foundering of the fishing vessel 'Andrea' in which one crew member died. [View Report.](#)

Issued 12/04/2017.

- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has published a safety investigation report on a serious injury in the engine room workshop that occurred on-board the cruise ship 'Skysea Golden Era'. [View Report.](#)

Issued April/2017.

- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has issued an investigation report on the global clipper 'CV 21'. Two crew members died in two separate incidents during a round the world yacht race. [View Report.](#)

Issued 13/04/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **FAL 41/INF.1 - 10/04/17**

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

- **Circular Letter No.3720 - 31/03/17**

Intersessional Technical Cooperation Committee Working Group on the Technical Cooperation Programme and the Sustainable Development Goals. [View Circular.](#)

- **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.](#)

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)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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