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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Australia - Marine Order**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) has revised Marine Order No. 1, which contains a full list of active Marine Orders. It notes that Marine Order No. 4 is revoked. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Revisions**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has issued two revised documents. The [first](#) is a revised marine guideline detailing organizations acting on behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The [second](#) is a revised Marine Notice on the requirements for MARPOL Surveys for all yachts, including large commercial yachts.

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- **UK - MSN 1869 (M)**

The UK MCA has issued an amendment to Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) 1869 (M) on the Safety Management Code for domestic passenger ships. This notice replaces MSN 1754(M) and should be read in conjunction with MGN 536 (M). [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **IRClass - Technical Circular**

The Indian Register of Shipping has released a technical circular on the recent Indian DGS Maritime Security Advisory to ships transiting the Gulf of Aden (GoA). Ships should avoid operations in these waters and keep a safe distance of at least more than 200 nautical miles from the coast. [Read more.](#)

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- **IRClass - Technical Circular**

The Indian Register of Shipping has released a technical circular on ship security in regards to a recent Marshall Islands ship security advisory circular on conditions of entry for vessels arriving at US ports from certain countries. [Read more.](#)

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- **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.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club**

Loss Prevention - Pilot Boarding

The American Club has issued a loss prevention article containing pilot boarding safety guidance. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Britannia P&I Club**

Focus - Piracy

The Britannia P&I Club has issued a focus article on Somalia and the recent return of increased piracy activity. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Club**

Four updates issued this week, including:

Update - New Zealand

The Japan P&I Club has issued an update article for New Zealand in regards to its recent regulations on biofouling and their associated craft risk management standard. [Read more.](#)

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- **The North P&I Club**

Three updates issued this week, including:

- **Article - Cyber Risks**

The North P&I Club has issued an industry news article entitled "Cyber Risks in Shipping – Regulation Getting Closer?" regarding the recent US proposal to the IMO for MSC 98 that cyber risks are incorporated into the safety management system (SMS). [Read more.](#)

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

The West of England P&I Club has issued four updates this week, including:

- **US Ballast Water Regulations** - [Read more.](#)

- **Loss Prevention: Aluminium Phosphide Fumigation - Fires and Explosions** - [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**

Three notices issued this week, including:

- **Circular - Ballast Chlorination**

The UK P&I Club has published a circular in regards to new provisions on ballast water and ballast chlorinating in Argentinian ports. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ECSA - MLC**

The European Community Shipowners' Associations (ECSA) has issued a video explaining how the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) protects seafarers. [View Video.](#)

- **EMSA - Newsletter**

The European Maritime Safety Agency has issued its April 2017 newsletter. [Read more.](#)

- **IMCA - Wages and Piracy at the ILO**

The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) has issued a press release on the recent Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) working group under the International Labour Organization (ILO). The

need for the protection of seafarers' wages when the seafarer is held hostage as a result of piracy or armed robbery against ships was discussed. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Ice**

Bloomberg News reports that sea ice in the Polar regions has diminished much faster than was anticipated under climate models. It is observed that in 1985 about 45% of Arctic sea ice was made up of older and thicker multi-year ice. By 2016, Arctic sea ice of this thickness was down to 22%. The reduction in ice is a primary factor in the rise of increased shipping traffic in the Polar regions. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Sulphur 2020**

Hellenic News released an article on a recent podcast that provides information by S&P Global Platts on the 2020 sulphur limit. The podcast assesses the readiness of the industry for the impending changes, as well as the potential solutions for shipowners to comply with the new emissions regulations. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MAIB - Plan**

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has published its business plan for 2017 - 2018. It notes that the MAIB receives around 1,200 reports of accidents and incidents each year. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - PSC Report**

The US Coast Guard has published its 2016 Port State Control (PSC) annual report in which it is stated that the USCG conducted 9,390 SOLAS safety exams and 8,818 ISPS exams on ships. The total number of ships detained in 2016 for environmental protection and safety-related deficiencies decreased from 202 the previous year to 103. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

No new reports issued this week, but some reports issued this month include:

- **Canada - Marine Investigation Report**

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

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- **Germany - Investigation Report**

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

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- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report**

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

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- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) recently 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.](#)

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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)

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

- 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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