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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Liberia - Marine Operations Note - Manila**

Liberia has issued a new marine operations note on the Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code which have been in effect since January 1 2017. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Panama - Marine Notice - Manila**

Panama has also issued a new marine notice on the Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention and Code which have been in effect since January 1 2017. The notice communicates information contained in IMO MSC.1 Circular 1560. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MGN 505 - Human Element Part 1**

The UK MCA has issued a revised marine guidance note on the 'Human Element'. The document is in regards to fatigue and fitness for duty. It details statutory duties, causes of fatigue and guidance on good practice. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MGN 536 - Corrigendum**

The UK MCA has issued a corrigendum marine guidance note on the Safety Management Code for Domestic Passenger Ships. It contains two corrections. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **USA - Bulletin - Drills**

The USA has issued a new marine safety information bulletin to clarify procedures for remote access and consultation (RAC) drills. [Read more.](#)

Issued 04/01/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas - Rules and Guides**

Bureau Veritas has issued updated structural rules for container ships. The rules apply to double bottom ships of double or single side skin construction, which intend to carry containers in holds or on decks. [Read more.](#)

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- **DNV GL - Technical Information**

DNV GL has issued new technical information on incomplete propeller immersion and the risk of the resulting propeller shaft bearing damage. This is due to an increased number of reported incidents. [Read more.](#)

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- **RINA - Marine Information Notice**

RINA has issued a new marine information notice on the increase of the outstanding deficiency verification period for Port State Control in the Indian Ocean MOU. The period has increased from 6 to 24 months effective this year. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia - News - China**

Britannia has issued a news article advising that the Wreck Removal Convention will come into force in China from 11 February 2017. This will require all ships over 300gt in Chinese territorial waters to carry a wreck removal certificate on board. [Read more.](#)

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- **Gard - Insight - Palm Kernels**

Gard has issued an insight article on the carriage of palm kernel shells. They advise that although they are often considered to be a non-hazardous cargo, a number of recent incidents show that the cargo can

actually be a hazard. [Read more.](#)

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- **Standard Club - Alert - Passenger Liability**

The Standard Club has issued a web alert on changes to the passenger liability regulations of the European Union. The update is in regards to liability certificates. [Read more.](#)

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- **North of England P&I Club - Update - Yemen**

The North of England P&I Club has issued an update on the situation in Yemen. A list of revised ports considered safe and unsafe is given. The port of Mokha adjacent to the strait Bab-el-Mandeb is considered unsafe. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO - Regulations - Briefing**

The IMO has issued a press release to advise that New Zealand has now acceded to the Ballast Water Management Convention. [Read more.](#)

Issued 09/01/2017.

- **IMCA - Safety Flash Summary**

IMCA has issued a revised summary for 2016 containing all the safety flashes for the year. They advise that 148 incidents were reported across 35 safety flashes. [Read more.](#)

Issued 11/01/2017.

- **US - Guidance - Emission Control Area**

The US Environmental Protection Agency has issued a frequently asked questions document to assist understanding compliance issues for the North American and US Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area (ECA). [Read more.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **UK - MAIB - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has published a new accident investigation report on the loss of life which occurred during cargo operations on the general cargo ship 'Johanna C'. The death was the result of the Chief Officer falling from height, after he slipped from an unsafe standing position on top of a large steel unit of cargo that was being transferred. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC-MEPC.4/Circ.4 - 10/01/17**

PORT STATE CONTROL-RELATED MATTERS. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1490/Rev.1 - 10/01/17**

REVISED UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATION III/31.1.4 (MSC.1/CIRC.1490). [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1552 - 10/01/17**

AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES ON ALTERNATIVE DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRE SAFETY (MSC/CIRC.1002). [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1555 - 10/01/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF SOLAS CHAPTER II-2. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1557- 10/01/17**

HAZARDOUS AREA CLASSIFICATION (APPLICATION OF SOLAS REGULATION II-1/45.11). [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1549- 10/01/17**

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO PARAGRAPH 3.2.5 OF THE IGC CODE. [View Circular.](#)

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IMO Regulations Recently Entered into Force

Several new IMO regulations and amendments to regulations entered into force on 1st 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**

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) - 16th to 20th January 2017
- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) - 30th January to

3rd February 2017

- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) - 13th to 17th February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and SAR (NCSR) - 6th to 10th March 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) - 20th to 24th March 2017

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