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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Australia - Marine Notices**

AMSA has published two notices this week. The [first notice](#) is on the carriage requirements for official nautical charts. The [second notice](#) contains guidance on ECDIS for ships calling at Australian ports.

Issued May/2017.

- **Bahamas - Technical Alert**

The BMA has issued an alert to advise of the revision of the Bahamas Seaman Record Book (SRB). [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Denmark - Orders**

The DMA has issued four orders this week:

- An [Order](#) repealing a number of orders issued by the DMA
- an [Order](#) amending the order on technical regulation on the performance of certain tasks pursuant to the act on safety at sea on behalf of the DMA
- an [Order](#) amending the order on the installation and testing of fire-extinguishing systems using mixed atmospheric gases in machinery spaces in ships
- an [Order](#) amending the order on Notice F from the DMA, the Technical regulation on construction and equipment etc of small commercial vessels.

Issued 22/05/2017.

- **Liberia - Marine Operations Note**

Liberia has issued a marine operations note on the advance notice of arrival requirements for vessels calling at ports in China. [Read more.](#)

Issued 19/05/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Guideline**

The Marshall Islands has published a guideline on the 'West Africa High Risk Area: Maritime Domain Awareness for Trade – Gulf of Guinea Voluntary Reporting Area'. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Norway - Circular**

The NMA has published a circular on the requirements for risk assessments on Norwegian vessels. [Read more.](#)

Issued 18/05/2017.

- **US - Marine Safety Alert**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert entitled 'Got Gas? In the Wrong Place? Don't allow corrective actions to create additional hazardous conditions!'. This is in regards to a recent PSC inspection that discovered a significant and potentially dangerous modification within a gas valve unit (GVU) room on an LNG carrier. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **IACS - Publications**

IACS has issued a revision to its publications available online. The IACS Resolutions and Recommendations are now consolidated into a Blue Book and Green Book. The [Blue Book](#) contains the IACS Green Book, as well as previous revisions of IACS publications and historical data. It is updated and published once a year only. The [Green Book](#) contains all adopted IACS resolutions and their future entry into force dates.

Issued May/2017.

- **CCS - Rules & Guidelines**

CCS has revised its Guidelines for the Inspection of Thick Higher Strength Steel Plates for Ships. [View Here.](#)

Issued 25/052017.

- **IR Class - Technical Circular**

In response to an Indian DGS Merchant Shipping Notice, the Indian Registry has issued a technical circular regarding flag State inspection of Indian vessels. It primarily concerns scheduling and arrangements for inspections. [Read more.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **RINA - Marine Information Note**

RINA has issued a new marine information note on the "Ballast Water Management Convention to enter into force on 8 September 2017 – Instructions received from the Italian Administration on anticipation of IOPP Certificate's renewal". It is available to view as a [zipped file.](#)

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- **The GARD P&I Club**

Two updates issued this week, including:

Insight - Plastic Waste

This is an insight article on the concerning rise of plastics in oceans around the world. Future articles will consider compliance with MARPOL. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Club**

Update - MLC in Japan

This is in regards to the entry into force of amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) in Japan. [Read more.](#)

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

Two updates issued this week, including:

News - Brazil

This is a guidance article on loading fine iron ore cargoes in India. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club**

Four updates issued this week, including:

- ***Risk Focus - Collisions***

This a risk focus document on reducing the risk of collisions with fishing vessels. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ECSA - Migrants**

The European Community Shipowners' Associations reports that increasing numbers of merchant ships are now being involved again in migrant related search and rescue operations. [Read more.](#)

- **Hong Kong - Advisory**

With the onset of typhoon season, the Hong Kong Government has issued a navigation warning to advise that precautionary measures should be taken by shipping in the region. [Read more.](#)

- **IMO News - Antarctica**

The issue of liability as a result of environmental emergencies in Antarctic waters were part of discussions at the 40th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in Beijing this week. Prior to the meeting China [released](#) their 1st Antarctic paper with a view to increasing their activity in the region. The IMO also contributed to discussions on the legal aspects of the Antarctica Treaty. [Read more.](#)

- **UK Chamber of Shipping - Piracy**

The UK Chamber of Shipping issued an article on the evolving threat of piracy, in regards to recent increases in attacks to shipping. [Read more.](#)

- **UK - Reporting Requirements**

The UK Government has updated its online guidance on how to provide mandatory vessel reporting information to the MCA. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Update**

The USCG Blog has advised that the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee meeting [minutes](#) are now available. Part of the meeting included an assessment of maritime cyber risk management. The USCG also advises that a new [policy letter](#) on the implementation of Code of Federal Regulations 'Subchapter M' has been released.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Bahamas - Casualty Report**

The Bahamas has published a casualty report on the lifeboat accident that took place on the cruise ship 'Harmony of the Seas'. The accidental release of the lifeboat led to the death of one seafarer and two others being seriously injured. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **Malta - Marine Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese MSIU has issued a report on severe burn injuries to two engineers on board the passenger ferry 'MV Delfini'. The burns were due to a fire and explosion that emanated from the engine exhaust ports. [View Report.](#)

Issued May/2017.

- **UK - Investigation Report**

The UK MAIB has issued a report on the navigational errors and subsequent grounding of the passenger vessel 'Royal Iris' in the approaches to Eastham lock, on the River Mersey. [View Report.](#)

Issued 25/05/2017.

- **US - Marine Accident Brief**

The US NTSB has issued two recent accident briefs involving separate tugs that had allisions with bridges. [View Report 1](#) and [View Report 2.](#)

Issued May/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC.4/Circ.245 - 23/05/17**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. Annual Report – 2016. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.4/Circ.246 - 23/05/17**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. Issued monthly – Acts reported during January 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **FAL 41/17 - 22/05/17**

REPORT OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE ON ITS FORTY-FIRST SESSION. Table of contents. [View Circular.](#)

- **NWRC.1/Circ.32 - 19/05/17**

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. Accession by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.4/Circ.248 - 18/05/17**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. Issued monthly – Acts reported during March 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.41 - 18/05/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Circulars BWM.1. [View Circular.](#)

- **OPRC.3/Circ.32 - 18/05/17**

PROTOCOL ON PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION TO POLLUTION INCIDENTS BY HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES, 2000. [View Circular.](#)

- **OPRC.1/Circ.81 - 18/05/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON OIL POLLUTION PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION, 1990. [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

- 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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