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IMO MSC 98

From the 7th to the 16th June 2017 the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) met for its 98th session at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) headquarters in London. Technical Advisors from the Witherby Publishing Group attended to hear the Committee in session. A professional summary of the week's events is available at the link below.

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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Denmark - Order**

The DMA has issued a legislative 'Order on survey and certification of ships using ballast water and on ballast water management plans and the ballast water record book'. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **Liberia - Marine Advisory**

Liberia has issued a marine advisory on the Chinese special inspection campaign for large bulk carriers. [Read more.](#)

Issued 21/06/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Marine Safety Advisory**

The Marshall Islands has issued a marine safety advisory on appropriate size immersion suits for all crew. This is a result of recent US PSC observations. [Read more.](#)

Issued 20/06/2017.

- **Panama - Merchant Marine Circular**

Panama has released a revised merchant marine circular on recognized organizations authorised for the issuance of the Provisional Certificate, under the BWM Convention. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **United Kingdom - M Notices**

The UK has issued three M notices this week. These are:

- [MGN 417](#) (M+F) Companies offering shore-based maintenance of radio equipment
- [MIN 544](#) (M+F) International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004
- [MIN 548](#) (M+F) Codes of practice for controlling risks due to noise and vibration on ships

Issued June/2017.

For full details of updates from flag States log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Guidelines**

ABS has updated its 'Guide for Exhaust Emission Abatement'. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **Class NK - Rules and Guidance**

Class NK has issued an amendment to their rules and guidance related to computer based systems. [Read more.](#)

Issued 16/06/2017.

- **IR Class - Technical Circulars**

IR Class has issued a circular on the concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) by the China Maritime Safety Administration (China MSA) for aging bulk carriers beginning from 15 June 2017 and ending on 31 December 2017. [Read more.](#)

Issued June/2017.

- **Korean Register - Guidance**

The Korean Register has issued guidance in regards to the D1 and D2 distribution standards in the Ballast Water Management Plan and in regards to record book samples. [Read more.](#)

Issued 22/06/2017.

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

Lloyd's Register has issued a statutory alert on the interim recommendations on the safe carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on board vessels engaged on international voyages. [Read more.](#)

Issued 21/06/2017.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia - ECDIS**

Six updates issued this week, including:

Britannia has published an article on ECDIS and the recent new editions of the IHO S-52 and S-64 standards. [Read more.](#)

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

- **GARD - Loss Prevention Posters**

Three updates issued this week, including:

GARD has released a series of 15 loss prevention posters to raise safety awareness on board ship. [Read more.](#)

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

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

The North of England P&I Club has released an article on the recent IMO Resolution MSC.428(98) that cyber risk falls under the ISM Code by being taken into account in the SMS. [Read more.](#)

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

- **The Standard Club - 'Zarga'**

Three updates issued this week, including:

The Standard Club has issued a summary article in response to the recent MAIB publication of the 'Zarga'snap back fatality report. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Qatar**

Three updates issued this week, including:

The Swedish Club has published an alert on the practical implications for shipping as a result of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt cutting off diplomatic ties with the State of Qatar. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club - USCG Type Approval**

Four updates issued this week, including:

The UK P&I Club has issued an article in response to the recent USCG Type Approval of their fourth ballast water treatment system. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Newsletter**

The European Maritime Safety Agency has issued the June edition of its maritime newsletter. [Read more.](#)

- **IMCA - Magazine**

The International Marine Contractors Association has issued the quarterly edition of its magazine, 'Making Waves'. It includes regulatory updates from IMO, ILO, US (Jones Act) and the EU, plus updates on documentation. [Read more.](#)

- **IOGP - Safety Alert**

The International Association of Oil and Gas Producers has issued a safety alert on an incident that involved an incorrect pressure gauge on a high pressure line. [Read more.](#)

- **Paris MOU - Performance Lists**

The Paris MOU has published its performance lists for flag States in 2016. On the White, Grey and Black list for 2016, a total number of 73 flags are listed: 42 on the White List, 19 on the Grey List and 12 on the

Black list. [Read more.](#)

- **Singapore - Charts**

The Marine Port Authority has advised that new editions of the Singapore ENCs covering Singapore waters and its approaches will be released on 17 July 2017. The new edition Singapore ENC will supersede the earlier edition cells. [Read more.](#)

- **UK Chamber of Shipping - 2020**

The UK Chamber of Shipping has published an article on compliance with the 2020 marine fuel sulphur requirements and the challenges involved. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Consultation**

The UK MCA is currently holding an open consultation on recasting the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Regulations to reflect up to date requirements, as contained in the International Load Line Convention 1966 (ILLC) and Protocol 1998 (ILLP). Submissions are encouraged. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany - Investigation Report**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation has published a new investigation report on the fatal fall of a crew member from the access hatch of a cargo hold on the bulk carrier 'MV Askoe'. [View Report.](#)
Issued June/2017.

- **Malta - Marine Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation Unit has published two reports this week. The [first](#) is on a fatal fall that occurred during bunker operations in the port of Durban, South Africa on the container ship 'HS Rossini'. The [second](#) is on a crew member fatality following a fall into an empty cargo oil tank on the tanker 'Giannutri' at a shipyard in Riga, Latvia.
Issued June/2017.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **STCW.2/Circ.78 - 20/06/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. Communication received from the Government of Sri Lanka. [View Circular.](#)

- **FAL.6/Circ.17 - 16/06/17**

RESPONSE TO THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY THE MASTER OF A VESSEL NEEDING TO PUT SICK OR INJURED PERSONS ASHORE. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.77 - 12/06/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

- **GMDSS.1/Circ.21 - 09/06/17**

MASTER PLAN OF SHORE-BASED FACILITIES FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS MASTER PLAN). [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.2/Circ.22/Corr.2 - 07/06/17**

PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE. [View circular.](#)

- **FAL.3/Circ.212 - 07/06/17**

ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE. [View circular.](#)

- **FAL.7/Circ.1 - 07/06/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF APPENDIX 3 TO THE FAL CONVENTION. [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

- 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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