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## IMO MEPC 71

Witherby Publishing Group has produced a guidance article for Shipping Regulations and Guidance subscribers. It includes an overview of the decisions at MEPC 71. Topics discussed included:

- Amendments to MARPOL (including new NOx emission control areas)
- the Ballast Water Management Convention (including Guidelines and implementation dates)
- EEDI requirements

- fuel oil data collection
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reductions.

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## Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Panama - Circulars**

Panama has released three revised merchant marine circulars this week on:

- International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) and the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR). [Read more.](#)
- validity of colour copies of original documents. [Read more.](#)
- online certificate validation. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Advisory**

The Marshall Islands has issued a marine safety advisory on the BWM Convention with regard to Regulation B-3. [Read more.](#)

*Issued 11/07/2017.*

- **United Kingdom - Marine Guidance Note**

The UK has published a revision of MGN 457 withdrawing the Oil Recovery Vessel Code and issuing alternative arrangements. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **BV - Guidance**

BV has released two guidance circulars on the Ballast Water Management Convention. The [first](#) is on the procedure for implementation of Regulation D-1. The [second](#) is on the implementation scheme agreed at MEPC 71.

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- **Class NK - Technical Information**

Class NK has published a technical information circular on the extension for the implementation deadline for BWMS and initial survey for the Ballast Water Management Convention. [Read more.](#)

Issued 10/07/2017.

- **DNV GL - Technical and Regulatory News**

DNV GL has issued an article on the future concentrated inspection campaigns on Safety of Navigation and Life Saving Appliances by several MOUs. [Read more.](#)

Issued 07/07/2017.

- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circulars**

The Indian Register of Shipping has released two technical circulars this week. The [first](#) is on new IMO requirements coming into force from 1st September 2017. The [second](#) is with regard to Belize and the requirement for carriage of printed colour copies for original flag State documents.

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- **LR - Statutory Alert**

LR has issued a statutory alert on the BWM Convention with regard to the new implementation dates agreed for the installation of BWM systems. [Read more.](#)

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The image shows a promotional graphic for a book. On the left, there is a dark blue background with a yellow border at the bottom. At the top left is the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) logo. Below it, the title 'Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse On Board Ship' is written in white, followed by the subtitle 'Guidelines for Owners and Masters on Preparation, Prevention, Protection and Response' and 'Fourth Edition - 2017'. A paragraph of text describes the book's purpose: 'These guidelines assist shipping companies and their Masters and officers to combat drug smuggling and to recognise some of the signs of drug dependence among crew members.' At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text 'OUT NOW | £135'. On the right, a 3D rendering of the book cover is shown. The cover is dark blue with a yellow border and features the ICS logo at the top left. The title and subtitle are at the top right. The central graphic is a yellow skull and crossbones symbol.

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## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The GARD P&I Club - Industry News**

The GARD P&I Club has released two articles this week. The [first](#) is on 'Soya bean claims due to self-heating on the rise in China'. The [second](#) is a guidance article entitled 'Ballast water management - are you ready for 8 September 2017?'

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

- **The Standard Club - Web Alerts**

The Standard Club has published five web alerts this week, including:

- US extends Sudan sanctions review period by three months. [Read more.](#)
- support for a new cybercrime awareness video for mariners. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - News**

The UK P&I Club has published six updates this week, including:

- A circular on the BIMCO/ISCO standard spill response contracts, RESPONSECON and US RESPONSECON. [Read more.](#)
- An article entitled 'How do I protect my business from a ransomware attack?' [Read more](#)
- Risk Focus: Consolidated 2017. [Read more.](#)

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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Report**

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has issued its consolidated annual activity report for 2017. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Consultation**

The USCG has opened a 60-day public comment period on the draft NVIC addressing cyber risk at MTSA facilities. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Safety Assessment**

The USCG advises that it will now use the 'Guidelines for the Selection of Life Safety Performance Criteria (MSC.1/Circ.1552) for use in Alternative Design and Arrangements for Fire Safety (SOLAS Regulation II-2/17)' when assessing vessels that propose alternative designs with respect to fire protection. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Guidance**

The UK MCA has issued three updates this week to general guidance including:

- A new form for a report of wreck and salvage. [Read more.](#)
- a revised list of approved service stations for liferafts, boats and life jackets. [Read more.](#)
- the International index of search and rescue (SAR) data providers for passenger ships. [Read more.](#)

- **WSC - Report**

The World Shipping Council (WSC) has published its 'Containers Lost At Sea' Report. They note that on average 1,582 containers are lost at sea each year. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **Netherlands - Report**

The Dutch Safety Board has publishing a Shipping Occurrences Report containing descriptions of incidents on board vessels sailing under the flag of the Netherlands or within Dutch territorial waters. [View Report.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Safety Bulletin**

The UK MAIB has published a safety bulletin on the auxiliary boiler explosion that occurred on the container ship 'Manhattan Bridge' in Felixstowe, resulting in one loss of life and one serious injury. [View Report.](#)

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- **US - Marine Accident Brief**

The US NTSB has issued a marine accident brief into the fire that occurred on the vehicle carrier 'Courage'. The fire took place in the cargo hold and is believed to have originated through electrical arcing in the automatic breaking system (ABS) module of a vehicle carried on board. [View Report.](#)

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## IMO Recent Circulars

- **STCW.6/Circ.13 - 11/07/17**

AMENDMENTS TO PART B OF THE SEAFARERS' TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING (STCW) CODE. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.738/Rev.2 - 11/07/17**

GUIDELINES FOR DYNAMIC POSITIONING SYSTEM (DP) OPERATOR TRAINING. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.7/Circ.24/Rev.1- 10/07/17**

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

- **MSC.1/Circ.1503/Rev.1 - 10/07/17**

ECDIS – GUIDANCE FOR GOOD PRACTICE. [View Circular.](#)

- **LLMC.3/Circ.46- 27/06/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976. Notification by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

- **HKSRC.1/Circ.7 - 27/06/17**

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND

RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009. Accession by Denmark. [View Circular.](#)

- **PMP.1/Circ.214 - 23/06/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO OPTIONAL ANNEX IV. [View Circular.](#)

- **NWRC.1/Circ.33 - 23/06/17**

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular.](#)

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## Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations and amendments that have entered into force this year include:

### From 1 July 2017 -

- ECDIS - SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10. Cargo ships, other than tankers, of 20,000 gt but less than 50,000 gt, not later than the first survey on or after 1st July 2017 must be fitted with ECDIS if engaged on international voyages.

### 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

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# A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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