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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Denmark - Order**

Denmark has issued an order on the management of ballast water and sediments from ships' ballast water tanks. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **Hong Kong - Shipping Note**

Hong Kong has issued a merchant shipping information note on the coming into force of new and amended Hong Kong legislation that implements SOLAS Chapter III and IV requirements. [Read more.](#)

Issued 11/08/2017.

- **Norway - Circular**

Norway has published a circular on 'Reharmonization of an IOPP-certificate decoupled from the survey schedule of the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC)'. [Read more.](#)

Issued 11/08/2017.

- **Panama - Circulars**

Panama has released two circulars this week. The first [circular](#) is a revised list of approved P& I Clubs. The second [circular](#) is on updated information regarding the Company Security Officer (CSO) role.

Issued August/2017.

- **Singapore - Circular**

Singapore has issued a shipping circular on the implementation of the Wreck Removal Convention 2007 for Singapore registered ships. [Read more.](#)

Issued 16/08/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Guide**

ABS has published a new 'Guide for Building and Classing Asphalt Carriers with Independent Tanks'. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **Class NK - Technical News**

Class NK has released a circular on the Riyadh MoU PSC CIC on crew familiarization for enclosed space entry. [Read more.](#)

Issued 17/08/2017.

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

The Indian Register of Shipping has five technical circulars this week including:

- a [circular](#) on Californian requirements for ballast water discharge.

- a [circular](#) on compliance with regulation D2 of the Ballast Water Convention and the 'Re-harmonization of IOPP Renewal survey service'.

Issued August/2017.

• Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert

Lloyd's Register has issued two statutory alerts this week. The first [alert](#) is entitled 'Amendments to Regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI – Record requirements for operational compliance with NOx Tier III emission control areas'. The second [alert](#) is on the Riyadh MoU PSC CIC on crew familiarisation for enclosed space entry.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

• The American P&I Club - Alert

The American Club has issued an alert on the recently issued 'Guidance on Transits Through the Bab el Mandeb (BeM) and Associated Waters' from the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO). [Read more.](#)

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• GARD - Updates

GARD has issued three updates this week, including:

- An insight [article](#) on difficult navigational conditions at the Chittagong anchorage, Bangladesh.
- an [alert](#) on Canadian guidance for vessels to slow down to protect whales.

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• The Japan P&I Club - Updates

The Japan P&I Club has issued guidance on US ballast water management requirements. [Read more](#).

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• The Swedish P&I Club - Guidance

The Swedish P&I Club has released two alerts this week. The first is an [alert](#) on West African P&I issues.

The second is an [alert](#) with a memo on Greek law in regards to crew and passenger claims.

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• The UK P&I Club - Knowledge

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

- A guidance [article](#) with lessons learnt from bunker fuel contaminating cargoes.
- an [alert](#) on a significant expected increase in the number of fishing vessels off China.

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

• The West of England P&I Club - Knowledge

The West of England P&I Club has published five updates this week, including:

- A [notice](#) on steel cargoes in regards to loading and discharge surveys.
- an [article](#) in regards to on board repairs and compliance with class and statutory requirements.

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

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

• IMO - Briefing

The IMO has released a press briefing on the GloFouling project. The project is designed to address bio

invasions via ships' hulls. [Read more.](#)

- **News - Regulations**

A maritime survey found that three quarters of readers believed that shipping's global regulatory framework was under threat due to a lack of consensus on major issues. [Read more.](#)

- **Advisory - ECDIS**

The new IHO ECDIS standards are due to take effect in less than two weeks time from today. Mariners are advised that their ECDIS must meet the requirements of IEC 61174, incorporating edition 4.0 of the IHO presentation library. From 01/09/17 the old edition will be retired and vessels still using edition 3.4 may be subject to PSC observations. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - LNG Bunkering**

The USCG has issued [guidance](#) on analysing the risk of simultaneous operations during LNG bunkering, including a [policy letter](#).

- **UK - Recreational Craft**

The International Institute of Marine Surveying issued an article advising of the recent entry into force of the UK Recreational Craft Regulations 2017, which includes updates and changes to vessel requirements. These regulations apply to vessels less than 24m in the UK. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Norway - Accident Report**

The Accident Investigation Board of Norway has issued a report on the sinking of the work-boat '*Frøy Viking*'. The vessel sank due to water ingress. [View Report.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **Philippines - Investigation Report**

The Philippines Maritime Industry Authority has issued a report on the serious fire that took place on the general cargo ship '*Virginia*'. Four crew members died and the ship was a total loss. The probable cause was held to be a fault in the electrical wiring of the vessel. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **PAL.4/Circ.30 - 16/08/17**

PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974. Acceptance by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

- **SAR.1/Circ.99 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, 1979. Accession by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.42 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Ratification by Australia and accession by the United Arab Emirates, the Bahamas and Singapore. [View Circular.](#)

- **COLREG.1/Circ.158 - 11/08/17**

CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972. Accession by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC.4/Circ.34 - 11/08/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. Accession by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **TM.2/Circ.151- 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS, 1969. Acceptance by Madagascar. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.80 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. Communication received from the Government of Viet

Nam. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.2/Circ.13/Rev.4 - 11/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Methodology for information gathering and conduct of work of the GESAMP-BWWG. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.45 - 10/08/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Accession by Greece. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.14 - 09/08/17**

GUIDANCE ON COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS UNDER THE IBC, BCH, IGC, GC AND EGC CODES. [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

- 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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