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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Cyprus - Circular**

Cyprus has issued a circular to advise of 'Cancellation and replacement of certain DMS circulars related to the issuance of endorsement attesting the recognition of non-Cyprus certificates of competency and Cyprus Seafarers Identification and Sea Service Record Books'. [Read more.](#)

Issued 24/08/2017.

- **Marshall Islands - Advisories**

The Marshall Islands has issued three advisories this week, including:

- A marine safety advisory on anchorage-related navigation casualties. [Read more.](#)
- a revised marine [notice](#) and marine [guideline](#) on ballast water management.

Issued August/2017.

- **Liberia - Advisory**

Liberia has released an advisory on 'Enhanced security measures for vessels transiting the Singapore Straits, Malacca Straits, the waters off Mangkai & the Anambas Islands in the South China Sea and operating in the coastal waters of Malaysia and Indonesia.' [Read more.](#)

Issued 25/08/2017.

- **UK - MGN**

The UK MCA recently issued MGN 576 (M) on 'Guidance for those undertaking fumigation operations alongside'. [Read more.](#)

Issued August/2017.

- **US - Bulletin**

The USCG has issued a marine safety information bulletin on 'Electronic Chart Display Information Systems Updates to Meet International Hydrographic Organization Standards'. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Regulatory News**

ABS has issued a regulatory news article advising of the Riyadh MoU CIC on enclosed space entry. The CIC will run from 1 September 2017 until 30 November 2017. [Read more.](#)

- **Bureau Veritas - Rule**

Bureau Veritas has published a new rule entitled 'Scrubber Ready'. It concerns requirements and documentation for the purpose of having the ship prepared for a later installation of an exhaust gas cleaning system. [Read more.](#)

- **China Classification Society - Guide**

China Classification Society has published a 'Guide for Safety and Reliability Assessment for Shipboard Software'. [Read more.](#)

- **Class NK - Technical News**

Class NK has released two circulars this week. The [first](#) circular is entitled 'Re-coupling the decoupled IOPP (International Oil Pollution Prevention) Certificate Renewal Survey'. The [second](#) circular is on 'Record requirements of operational compliance with NOx Tier III regulation in Emission Control Areas'.

- **DNV GL - Technical News**

DNV GL has issued an article advising of the final countdown for compliance with the BWM Convention. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American P&I Club - Alert**

The American P&I Club has issued an alert highlighting a best practice guide on the prevention of assault, harassment, retaliation, bystander intervention, bullying, hazing, coercion, stalking and other prohibited behaviours at sea. [Read more.](#)

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- **The GARD P&I Club - Alert**

The GARD P&I Club has issued an alert entitled 'Nickel ore exports resume from Indonesia - managing the liquefaction risk'. [Read more.](#)

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

The North P&I Club has issued three news articles this week, including an article that highlights that the EU MRV Regulation is entering its next phase. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish P&I Club - Update**

The Swedish P&I Club has released three alerts this week, including an update on port conditions in areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey. [Read more.](#)

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- **The UK P&I Club - Knowledge**

The UK P&I Club has published a stop loss knowledge article entitled 'Guidelines for Carriage of Cargo in Non-Operating Reefers'. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Press Releases**

EMSA has released two information articles this week. The [first](#) contains quarterly key figures from European maritime accident investigation occurrences. The [second](#) is the final report on the evaluation of the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1406/2002 establishing EMSA.

- **ITOPF - Newsletter**

ITOPF has recently published its annual newsletter 'Ocean Orbit'. It contains a regular round-up of oil spills and details ITOPF activities. [Read more.](#)

- **UK - Safety Bulletin**

The UK MCA has issued a safety bulletin on faulty 'COSMO MED and Type Approved Fire Doors' in regards to their A60, A0 and B15 fire doors. [Read more.](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- **Denmark - Casualty Reports**

Denmark has issued two reports this week. The [first](#) report is on the grounding of the cargo ship 'Victoria'. The [second](#) report is on the loss of the tow from the 'Maersk Battler' that resulted in the sinking of the 'Maersk Shipper' and 'Maersk Searcher'.

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- **The Netherlands - Investigation Report**

The Dutch Safety Board has issued a report on the fatal electrocution of a crew member that occurred in a tank in the engine room on the heavy-lift vessel 'Atlantic Dawn'. [Read report.](#)

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- **United States - Marine Accident Reports**

The US National Transportation Safety Board has issued two reports this week. The [first](#) is a report on the grounding of a small passenger vessel. The [second](#) is a report on a fire that took place on a tug in Florida.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **BWM.2/Circ.64 - 29/08/17**

BWM.2/Circ.64 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS'

BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. Issuance of International Ballast Water Management Certificates to Greek-flagged ships. [View Circular.](#)

- **IFC.4/Circ.71 - 29/08/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1992 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1971. Accession by Thailand. [View Circular.](#)

- **TC.1/Circ.70- 25/08/17**

ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE. [View Circular.](#)

- **LLMC.3/Circ.47 - 25/08/17**

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

- **TC.1/Circ.71 - 24/08/17**

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.1/Circ.872 - 24/08/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS 1.23 AND 36.2.10 OF MARPOL ANNEX I. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.2 - 17/08/17**

GUIDANCE ON THE VALIDITY OF RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AND USED ON SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)

- **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.](#)

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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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