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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Australia - Marine Notice - Sulphur**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has issued a new marine notice on the global implementation of the new sulphur content limit in fuel oil for all ships from 1 January 2020. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Panama - Circular - HRA**

Panama has issued a revised circular on High Risk Areas (HRA) and precautionary zones. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Singapore - Shipping Circular - MLC**

Singapore has issued a new shipping circular on recent amendments to the Singapore Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014 and other relevant regulations. [Read more.](#)

Issued 23/01/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MGN 563 - Port Waste**

The UK MCA has issued a marine guidance note on the 'Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003 and amendments'. The note replaces MGN 253, 259, 326 and 387. [Read more.](#)

Issued 25/01/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MGN 417 - GMDSS**

The UK MCA has issued a revised marine guidance note on the MCA requirements for companies offering shore-based maintenance of radio equipment under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). [Read more.](#)

Issued 25/01/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **CCS - Rules - Cruise Ships**

The China Classification Society has issued revised guidelines for the survey of cruise ships. [Read more.](#)

Issued 22/01/2017.

- **DNV - Rules - 2017**

DNV GL has issued a new 2017 edition of their rules for the classification of ships. The changes to the rules include 1) new class notations, 2) implementation of external requirements (IACS unified requirements and relevant IMO codes) and 3) general updates and corrections. [Read more.](#)

Issued 22/01/2017.

- **IACS - Recommendation - Liquefied Gas**

The International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) has revised a recommendation document on the survey of liquefied gas fuel containment systems. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **IR Class - Technical Circular - MLC**

IR Class has released a technical circular on procedures regarding the Maritime Labour Convention certification requirements. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - Alert - ECA**

The American Club has released a new alert on the North American and US Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area (ECA) in regards to understanding compliance issues. [Read more.](#)

Issued 23/01/2017.

- **GARD P&I Club - Update - Fuel Oil**

The GARD P&I Club has issued a new update with information on loss prevention as a result of the new sampling guidelines for the sulphur content of fuel oil under MARPOL Annex VI. [Read more.](#)

Issued 20/01/2017.

- **Standard Club - Alert - STCW**

The Standard Club has issued a new web alert on compliance with the 2010 Manila amendments to the STCW Convention. [Read more.](#)

Issued 26/01/2017.

- **The Swedish Club - Alert - Fuel Oil Data**

The Swedish Club has released a new web alert on the IMO fuel oil consumption data collection system that will enter into force on 1 March 2018. [Read more.](#)

Issued 24/01/2017.

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

• IMO - Meeting Summary - PPR 4

The IMO has issued a [meeting summary](#) detailing the events of the 4th session of the Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR), which took place from 16 to 20 January 2017. Subjects discussed included:

- Implementation of the 2020 0.50% sulphur limit
- Draft OSV Code finalised
- Ballast water management manual completed
- Guidance on determining the viability of organisms agreed
- Updated OPRC Model training courses agreed
- Revision of IBC Code - revised chapter 21 on criteria for assigning carriage requirements agreed
- Guidelines for exhaust gas recirculation bleed-off water agreed
- Draft 2017 SCR Guidelines agreed
- Shipboard gasification of waste systems work referred to correspondence group
- Black carbon correspondence group established

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• ITOPF - News - Tanker Spills

The International Tanker Owners' Pollution Federation (ITOPF) has stated that there is an ongoing downward trend in tanker spill incidents. They report that the total amount of oil lost to the environment through tanker incidents in 2016 was approximately 6,000 tonnes. [Read more.](#)

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• USCG - Guidance - Ballast Water

The USCG has stated that their Admiral for prevention policy has written an article for the North American Marine Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA). Importantly it focuses on ballast water management (BWM) beyond U.S. type-approvals. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany - BSU - Investigation Report**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has issued two new investigation reports on 1) the collision between the general cargo ship 'Evert Prahm' and the Rendsburg transporter bridge on 8 January 2016 in the Kiel Canal [View Report](#) and 2) on a fire that took place in the cargo hold of the multipurpose ship 'Ventura' on 18 December 2015 off the canal locks at Kiel-Holtenau. [View Report](#).

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- **Malta - MSIU - Safety Investigation Report**

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has released a new safety investigation report on the mooring equipment failure which resulted in a fatality of a shipyard worker on the Ro-Ro passenger ship 'Galaxy'. [View Report](#).

Issued January/2017.

- **US - NTSB - Marine Accident Report**

The US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has published a new marine accident report on the collision of the bulk carrier 'Aris T' with the tank barge 'WTC 3019', the towing vessel 'Pedernales' and various shore-side structures that occurred in January 2016. [View Report](#).

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **LC-LP.1/Circ.81 - 25/01/17**

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL. Final report on permits issued in 2013. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC-LP.1/Circ.80 - 25/01/17**

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL. Invitation to provide information on the disposal of sewage sludge. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC-LP.1/Circ.79 - 25/01/17**

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL. Joint Work Programme (2017-2019) [View Circular.](#)

- **FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2/Corr.1 - 24/01/17**

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES. [View Circular.](#)

- **Circular Letter No.3706 - 13/01/17**

DIRECTOR (D.2), ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC-MEPC.4/Circ.4 - 10/01/17**

PORT STATE CONTROL-RELATED MATTERS. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1490/Rev.1 - 10/01/17**

REVISED UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF SOLAS REGULATION III/31.1.4 (MSC.1/CIRC.1490). [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 which 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
- International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (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)

For a summary of the regulations and a full list of recent IMO regulations log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) - 30th January to 3rd February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) - 13th to 17th February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and SAR (NCSR) - 6th to 10th March 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) - 20th to 24th March 2017
- Facilitation Committee (FAL) - 4th to 7th April 2017

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