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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas**

The Bahamas Maritime Authority has released a bulletin to advise of their early implementation of amended Regulations 1 and 10 of Chapter II-2 of the SOLAS Convention. [Read more.](#)

Issued October/2017.

- **Panama**

The Republic of Panama has released two updates this week. The [first](#) is a merchant marine circular entitled 'Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear'.

The [second](#) is a marine notice on the recent plague outbreak in Madagascar.

Issued October/2017.

- **UK**

The UK MCA has issued four merchant shipping notices this week:

- [MSN 1848](#), Amendment 1, 'Seafarers Working & Living Conditions on UK Ships'

- [MSN 1871](#), 'Code of Practice for Safety of Small Fishing Vessels'

- [MSN 1872](#), 'Code of Safe Working Practice for Fishing Vessels'

- [MSN 1873](#), 'Code of Practice for Construction and Safe Operation of Fishing Vessels'.

Issued October/2017.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Guidance Notes**

ABS has issued two guidance notes this week. The [first](#) is on 'In-Service Hull Stability Verification' and the [second](#) is on 'Nearshore Position Mooring'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circular**

The Indian Register of Shipping has issued a technical circular on 'Clarification on ECDIS Training and Certification Requirements'. [Read more.](#)

- **Korean Register of Shipping - Contact Points**

The Korean Register of Shipping has issued an article to inform of the revised 'List of National Operational Contact Points for SOPEP/SMPEP'. [Read more.](#)

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

Lloyd's Register has issued a statutory alert to advise of the 'implementation of a new procedure relating to the simulated launching of free-fall lifeboats during drills, as required by SOLAS regulation III/19.3.4.4'. [Read more.](#)

To view all recent Class Society Guidance, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).



Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - Alert**

The American Club has published a new member alert this week on US sanctions against Iran. [Read more.](#)

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

The GARD P&I Club has released an insight article on the dynamic separation in Group A bauxite cargoes. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Japan P&I Club - News**

The Japan P&I Club has issued an article on the export ban of mineral ore cargoes from Indonesia. [Read more.](#)

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

The Standard P&I Club has issued two member alerts this week. The [first](#) alert is on the Polar Code amendments to STCW and the [second](#) alert is to advise that the Hong Kong Government proposes to implement the latest IMO limits under the 1996 Protocol.

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

- **The West of England P&I Club - Alert**

The West of England P&I Club has issued an alert that a foreign-flagged ship in the port of Ningbo, China was boarded by immigration authorities. The authorities ordered the entire crew to surrender their mobile phones and the digital content from the phones was downloaded for inspection. [Read more.](#)

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

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

The UK P&I Club has issued two updates this week. The first is an [alert](#) on the liquefaction of nickel ore cargoes. The second is an [article](#) with lessons learnt following an injury to a pilot.

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA - Newsletter**

EMSA has issued its [newsletter](#) for October. It notes that a recent exercise was conducted in Norway on places of refuge for ships in need of assistance, in conjunction with a chemical/oil spill response exercise. The results of the exercise are also available to [download](#).

- **IMB - Piracy**

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) has released its quarterly report on maritime piracy. It states that 92 vessels were boarded and 5 vessels were hijacked in the first nine months of 2017. It notes that there is continuing concern over attacks in the Gulf of Guinea and in South East Asia. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - Type Approval**

The USCG has [announced](#) that it has issued its sixth 'Ballast Water Management System Type Approval Certificate' to ERMA FIRST ESK Engineering Solutions S.A. An updated type approval certificate was also [issued](#) to TeamTec OceanSaver AS for the OceanSaver BWTS MKII ballast water management system.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta**

The Maltese Marine Safety Investigation unit has published a report on the serious working aloft injury that took place on the general cargo ship 'Garip Baba'. While carrying out maintenance at height on the ship's lifeboat, the Bosun had to disconnect his safety harness in order to move working locations. He lost balance and fell to the poop deck. [Read more.](#)

- **UK**

The UK MAIB has published an investigation report on the grounding of the bulk carrier 'Muros'. The report concluded that the passage plan for the voyage was unsafe and that ECDIS safeguards were insufficient. A visual check of the route was not conducted on the ECDIS at an appropriate scale. [Read more.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC 98/23/Add.2 - 17/10/17**

REPORT OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON ITS NINETY-EIGHTH SESSION. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.4/Circ.253 - 16/10/17**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. Issued monthly – Acts reported during August 2017. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC.4/Circ.35 - 16/10/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. Acceptance by Finland and communication

pursuant to article 9(1) of the Protocol. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC-LP.2/Circ.6 - 13/10/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. 2013 AMENDMENTS. Acceptance by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC-LP.2/Circ.5 - 13/10/17**

1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972. Amendment to article 6 of the London Protocol 1996. Acceptance by Finland. [View Circular.](#)

- **III.2/Circ.2 - 12/10/17**

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY PORT STATES ON THE REQUIRED UPDATES OF ELECTRONIC CHART DISPLAY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (ECDIS). [View Circular.](#)

- **LL.10/Circ.71 - 09/10/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966. [View Circular.](#)

- **PSLS.6/Circ.75 - 09/10/17**

PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED. [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 8 September 2017 -

- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004.

From 1 September 2017 -

- Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV (Baltic Sea Special Area and Form of ISPP Certificate)
- Amendments to the Nox Technical Code 2008 (Testing of Gas-Fuelled and Dual Fuel Engines)

- Amendments to Regulation 13 Of MARPOL Annex VI (Record Requirements For Operational Compliance With Nox Tier III ECAs)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex II (Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure).

From 1 July 2017 -

- ECDIS - SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10.

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

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Council (extraordinary session) - 20th to 24th November 2017
- Assembly - 27th November to 6th December 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) 5 - 22nd to 26th January 2018
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) 5 - 5th to 9th February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) 5 - 19th to 23rd February 2018
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 5 - 12th to 16th March 2018
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 72 - 9th to 13th April 2018
- Legal Committee (LEG) 105 - 23rd to 27th April 2018
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 99 - 16th to 25th May 2018

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