
Shipping Regulations & Guidance Your Weekly Update in Summary

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Places of Refuge

The Witherby Publishing Group has produced a guidance article for subscribers to [Shipping Regulations and Guidance](#). It includes a detailed summary of the current international situation with regards to places of refuge (previously known as ports of refuge). The article looks at IMO and flag State regulations, as well as providing case studies for analysis. A checklist for use on board ship in case of a need to seek a place of refuge is also provided.

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Liberia - Marine Notice - MARPOL VI**

Liberia has published a new marine notice on the implementation of MARPOL Annex VI regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Liberia - Marine Notice - LSA**

Liberia has published a new marine notice on life-saving appliances and equipment. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Panama - Circular - Security**

Panama has issued a revised circular on security measures for ships sailing in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG). [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **United Kingdom - MGN 565 - STCW**

The UK MCA has issued a corrigendum to marine guidance note 565 on the STCW Convention with regards to medical certification, hours of work and alcohol limits. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

For full details of updates from flag States log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **IR Class - Technical Circular - Paris MOU**

IR Class has issued a new technical circular on the Paris MoU inspection of seafarers' certification after 1 January 2017, based on a circular provided by the Cook Islands. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **LR - Statutory Alert - Fuel**

Lloyd's Register has published a statutory alert update on the IMO fuel oil consumption data collection

system. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Class NK - Technical Circular - EU MRV**

Class NK has released a technical circular on updates of the EU regulation on monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

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

The image shows the cover of a book titled 'SIGTTO LNG Emergency Release Systems'. The cover is dark blue with white and yellow text. The title 'SIGTTO' is at the top in a large, white, serif font. Below it, 'LNG Emergency Release Systems' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'Recommendations, Guidelines and Best Practices' and 'First Edition' are listed in a smaller white font. A paragraph of text describes the book as a comprehensive guide for operators and maintainers of LNG Emergency Release Systems (ERS) to ensure safety, protection of the environment, and protection of property during operations. At the bottom, there are two yellow boxes: one with 'OUT NOW' in blue text and another with '£125' in blue text. The background of the cover is a photograph of an industrial facility with large white pipes and machinery.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - Circular - Steel**

The American Club has released a new circular to remind readers of their transport guidance for steel cargoes, including advice that the document has recently been translated into other languages. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **GARD P&I Club - Update - US**

The GARD P&I Club has issued a new update to advise that the US Executive Order on Immigration has an affect on vessel crews. It states that crew members carrying Iraqi, Syrian, Sudanese, Iranian,

Somalian, Libyan or Yemeni passports are temporarily barred from entering the United States. [Read more.](#)

Issued 01/02/2017.

- **IGP&I Club - Update - Calcium Hypochlorite**

The International Group of Protection & Indemnity Clubs has issued a revised joint industry publication on guidelines for the carriage of calcium hypochlorite. [Read more.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Shipowners' Club - News - Canada**

The Shipowners' Club has advised of a new compulsory insurance scheme for passenger vessels in Canada, as contained within amendments of the Canadian Marine Liability Act. [Read more.](#)

Issued 01/02/2017.

- **Standard Club - Alert - Singapore/Indonesia**

The Standard Club has issued a new web alert on the Indonesia and Singapore Sea Border Agreement that has now been ratified by the Indonesian Parliament. [Read more.](#)

Issued 01/02/2017.

For a full list of recent P&I Club guidance log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EU - News - Arctic**

The European Parliament has passed a new resolution on the Arctic environment recommending that Member States take the necessary steps towards ending the use of heavy fuel oil (HFO) in the Arctic region. [Read more.](#)

Issued February/2017.

- **IMCA - Bulletin - January**

The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) has issued its monthly bulletin for January. It incorporates several safety flashes and DP related publications. [Read more.](#)

Issued February/2017.

- **MARS - Report - February**

The Mariners' Alerting and Reporting Scheme (MARS) has published its monthly report of incidents and

safety-related observations. [Read more.](#)

Issued February/2017.

- **Nautical Institute - News - S-mode**

The Nautical Institute recommends that the industry takes part in discussions regarding the concept of an S-mode (standard mode) for ECDIS and other navigation systems as detailed under the IMO e-Navigation initiative ([see news article](#)). A survey for seafarers is available for completion, the results of which will be presented in a report to the IMO. [View Survey.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Bahamas - Marine Safety - Investigation Report**

The Bahamas Maritime Authority has issued a new marine safety investigation report on the serious auxiliary engine room fire that occurred on the Fred Olsen cruise ship '*Black Watch*' in 2016. [View Report.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **Ireland - MCIB - Interim Investigation Report**

The Irish Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) has issued an interim investigation report on the injuries and damage that occurred during heavy weather on board the ferry '*Epsilon*', during its voyage from France to Ireland. [View Report.](#)

Issued January/2017.

- **US - NTSB - Marine Accident Reports**

The US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has published two new marine accident reports:

- A [report](#) on the collision of the bulk carrier '*Yangtze Ambition*' with the tow vessel '*Crimson Gem*'.

- A [report](#) on the collision between the cargo ship '*Manizales*' and the bulk carrier '*Zen-Noh Grain Pegasus*'.

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **STCW.2/Circ.71 - 01/02/17**

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

- **MSC.1/Circ.1259/Rev.7 - 01/02/17**

LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM - TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION (PART I). [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1294/Rev.5 - 01/02/17**

LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM - TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION (PART II). [View Circular.](#)

- **SLS.12/Circ.151 - 01/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974. [View Circular.](#)

- **PMP.1/Circ.213 - 27/01/17**

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

- **BWM.1/Circ.40 - 27/01/17**

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

- **NWRC.1/Circ.30 - 27/01/17**

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [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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