



SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

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Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – two marine guidance notices entitled '[Maintenance lists of crew ashore](#)' and '[Overside working on vessels](#)'.
- **Norway** – a circular on the subject of '[Vacuum-packed immersion suits](#)'.
- **USA** – an NVIC regarding '[Pipeline and Hose Testing Guidance for Marine Transportation Related Facilities Handling Oil or Hazardous Material in Bulk](#)'.
- **Singapore** – a port marine circular with effect from 1 January 2018 on '[Cashless Payments](#)'.
- **Hong Kong** – an MSIN on the '[Entry into Force of new regulation 22A of MARPOL Annex VI](#)'.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has released a document entitled '[Guidelines for Autonomous Shipping](#)'.
- **China Classification Society** – has issued '[CCS Guidelines for Thickness Measurement of Hull \(Ver. 6.2\)](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an [engineering circular](#) providing revised procedures and reporting requirements with regards to port state control inspections of Indian flagged vessels.
- **Lloyd's Register** – has issued a statutory alert regarding '[Amendments \(04-17\) to the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code](#)'.
- **Class NK** – has released a technical information notice regarding the '[Expansion of applicable ports subject to regulations on the sulphur content of fuel oil within Chinese emission control areas starting on 1 January 2018](#)'.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – a circular entitled '[International Group Reinsurance Arrangements for 2018](#)'.
- **SKULD** – a [loss prevention reminder](#) on the subject of the increase in stowaways trying to gain access to vessels in South African ports during the holiday period.
- **North P&I Club** – an [update](#) on the port closure situation in Yemen.
- **The Standard Club** – an [alert](#) about a change in the reinforcement of customs controls in Dakar.

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO** – the [IMO Assembly](#) met for its 30th session at IMO Headquarters in London, UK (27 November - 6 December).
- **UK** – the Maritime and Coastguard Agency has released an [updated list](#) of approved service stations for liferafts, boats and lifejackets.
- **EMSA** – the December edition of the [EMSA newsletter](#) has been published.
- **BIMCO** – the first [proposal for an industry-wide standard for software maintenance](#) has been sent to the IMO by BIMCO and CIRM.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany** – published an investigation report on the [grounding of the container ship Hanni](#) off Mühlenberger Loch in Hamburg. A defective pickup had triggered an overspeed protection alarm which caused the main engine to stop.
- **Bahamas** – released a [marine safety investigation report](#) on a truck fire on the car deck of the ro-ro passenger ferry *Stena Spirit* at the approach to the port of Gdynia, Poland. This was found to have been caused by a damaged or faulty refrigeration unit.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **LLMC.2/Circ.25 - 11/12/17** - PROTOCOLO DE 1996 QUE ENMIENDA EL CONVENIO SOBRE LIMITACIÓN DE LA RESPONSABILIDAD NACIDA DE RECLAMACIONES DE DERECHO MARÍTIMO, 1976 (in Spanish) [View Circular](#).
- **PMP.7/Circ.65 - 04/12/17** - PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO. [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.2/Circ.23 - 01/12/17** - PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE. [View Circular](#).
- **BMW.2/Circ.50 - 21/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004. [View Circular](#).
- **STCW.2/Circ.83 - 21/11/17** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular](#).
- **BMW.2/Circ.41 - 21/11/17** - CONVENIO INTERNACIONAL PARA EL CONTROL Y LA GESTIÓN DEL AGUA DE LASTRE Y LOS SEDIMENTOS DE LOS BUQUES, 2004 (in Spanish). [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.4/Circ.254 - 21/11/17** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. [View Circular](#).
- **NWRC.1/CIRC.36 - 21/11/17** - NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular](#).

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Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended this year include:

- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004 (effective 08/09/17)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV – Baltic Sea Special Area and Form of ISPP Certificate (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to the Nox Technical Code 2008 – Testing of Gas-Fuelled and Dual Fuel Engines (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to Regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI – Record Requirements for Operational Compliance with Nox Tier III ECAs (effective 01/09/17)
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex II – Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure (effective 01/09/17)
- ECDIS – SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10 (effective 01/07/17).

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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