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## Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Technical Alert - Garbage**

The Bahamas has issued a technical alert on garbage record books. It states that they are required to be in the format specified in the Appendix to Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as amended (MARPOL). [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Bulletin - CLC Convention**

The Bahamas has issued an information bulletin on the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution 1992 (CLC Convention). [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Notice - Certificates**

The Marshall Islands has issued a revised marine notice on the issuance and use of statutory certificates. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Notice - SMPEP**

The Marshall Islands has issued a marine notice on approval for shipboard marine pollution emergency plans (SMPEPs) for oil and/or noxious liquid substances (NLS). [Read more.](#)

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- **Norway - Circular - Exemptions**

The Norwegian Maritime Authority has released a circular on the acceptance criteria for granting certain exemptions to ships registered in the Norwegian ship register. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Circular - Ballast Water**

Panama has issued a new circular on their policy in regards to the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention 2004. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - MGN 562 - Communications**

The UK MCA has published a marine guidance note on radio and communication systems, including amendments to the Radio Regulations and following updates to GMDSS equipment. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - MIN 540 - CERS**

The UK MCA has published a marine information note on the Consolidated European Reporting System (CERS). It includes the revised reporting processes and introduction of the CERS workbook. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - News - Lashings**

ABS has produced a lashing guide, containing guidance on container securing systems. [Read more.](#)

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- **CCS - Guidelines - Marine Products**

CCS has issued revised guidelines on marine products, incorporating a series of amendments to turbochargers. [Read more.](#)

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- **DNV - News - UMS**

DNV GL has issued a release to clarify class rules and notations in regards to unattended machinery spaces (UMS). [Read more.](#)

*Issued 09/02/2017.*

- **IR Class - Technical Circular - LSA**

Six guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

**ISM Failure - Documents** IR Class has issued a technical circular on the need for ISM, ISPS and MLC documents to be available in English. This is a result of a ship detention and circular issued by the Cook Islands. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club**

Two guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

***Alert - China***

The American Club has released an alert on the new requirements for sludge and garbage disposal on ocean-going vessels in the People's Republic of China. [Read more.](#)

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- **North of England P&I Club**

Two industry news notices have been issued this week, including:

***News - Argentina***

The North of England P&I Club has released an industry news article to advise and clarify the sanitary requirements for ships visiting Argentina. [Read more.](#)

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

- **Shipowners' Club**

Two news articles have been issued this week, including:

***News - United States***

The Shipowners' Club has advised that the Executive Order on immigration in the US is currently suspended and that the future status and implication on crew from these countries is uncertain. [Read](#)

[more.](#)

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- **SKULD**

***Circular - STOPIA & TOPIA***

The SKULD P&I Club has issued a web-only circular in regards to 2017 amendments to the Small Tanker Oil Pollution Indemnification Agreement (STOPIA) and the Tanker Oil Pollution Indemnification Agreement (TOPIA). [Read more.](#)

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- **Standard Club**

Six news articles have been issued this week, including:

***News - Singapore***

The Standard Club has issued a news article to advise that Singapore passed an amendment to the Civil Law Act to implement a framework allowing for third party funding in international disputes, in particular international commercial arbitration. [Read more.](#)

- **UK P&I Club**

Two guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

***Alert - Panama***

The UK P&I Club has published a new alert notice on the fuel burning requirements for manoeuvring in the waters of the Panama Canal. This is in regards to a recent Panama Canal Authority advisory to shipping. [Read more.](#)

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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EU - Emissions Trading**

The European Parliament (pictured) has supported plans to cut carbon emission allowances and fund low-carbon innovation. MEPs have approved draft measures in plenary session. According to the European Parliament website *"MEPs say that, in the absence of a comparable system operating under the International Maritime Organization (IMO), CO2 emissions in EU ports and during voyages to and from them should be accounted for. They propose setting up a maritime climate fund to compensate for maritime emissions, improve energy efficiency, facilitate investment in innovative technologies and reduce CO2 emissions from the sector."* [Read more](#)

- **IMO - Sub-Committee**

The IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) is meeting for its 4th session this week (13 to 17 February). The topics being discussed include the SOLAS chapter II-1 subdivision and damage stability regulations; the draft interim guidelines for the use of fibre reinforced plastic elements within ship structures; the safe carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on board vessels engaged on international voyages; evacuation analysis for passenger ships; the development of second generation intact stability criteria; draft guidelines on safe mooring arrangements and the use of mooring lines. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Consultation**

The UK government has opened a consultation on the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution from Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations 2017. The consultation is open until 14 April

2017. [Read more.](#)

- **UK MCA - Reporting Guidance**

The UK government has updated their guidance on mandatory vessel reporting information. This guidance states which information must be provided when a vessel arrives at a UK port, including: notification of entry into port, notification of carriage of dangerous and polluting goods, notification of ship-generated waste and cargo residues and notification of security information. [Read more.](#)

- **USCG - New Battery Design**

The USCG has published an article on the chemistry and design of new batteries that has implications for commercial shipping. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **Norway - Marine Investigation Report**

The Accident Investigation Board of Norway (AIBN) has published a marine investigation report into the collision between the 'Clipper Quito' and 'Lurongyu 71108' in the Yellow Sea in October 2015. The fishing vessel was underway but had not observed the tanker. The tanker made an evasive manoeuvre to starboard after perceiving that the fishing vessel had changed course to starboard on a collision course. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK - Accident Investigation Report**

The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has published an accident investigation report on the collision between the historic motor launch 'Peggotty' and the Ro-Ro freight ferry 'Petunia Seaways'. The collision occurred in dense fog. According to the report the 'Petunia Seaways' bridge team did not proceed at a speed adapted for the prevailing weather conditions, they did not sound a regular sound signal and did not acquire and plot the launch on radar. The VTS was held to have not correctly appreciated the situation either. In addition Peggotty's skipper, an off-duty pilot, did not adequately prepare for the voyage and did not comply correctly with the signals requirements of the COLREGs. [Read more.](#)

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## IMO Recent Circulars

- **SUA.3/Circ.39 - 14/02/17**

PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION. Accession by Togo. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.4/Circ.243 - 13/02/17**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. Issued monthly – Acts reported during November 2016. [View Circular.](#)

- **HTW 4/INF.1 - 10/02/17**

HTW4 LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. [View Circular.](#)

- **AFS.3/Circ.5 - 06/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 - Information regarding recognized organizations and approved, restricted, or prohibited anti-fouling systems. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW-F.1/Circ.16 - 06/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995. [View Circular.](#)

- **PAL.4/Circ.29 - 06/02/17**



PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974 - Accession by Slovenia. [View Circular.](#)

- **PAL.4/Circ.28 - 03/02/17**

PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974. [View Circular.](#)

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## 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)

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## A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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
- Legal Committee (LEG) - 26th to 28th April 2017
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 7th to 16th June 2017
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - 3rd to 7th July 2017
- Technical Co-operation Committee (TC) - 17th to 19th July 2017
- Council - 24th to 28th July 2017
- 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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