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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Bulletin - LRIT**

The Bahamas has issued a bulletin on authorized testing application service providers for Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) of ships. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Safety - MLC and SAR**

The Marshall Islands has issued two marine safety advisories:

- 1.) On financial security certificates required under the MLC. [Read more.](#)
- 2.) On vessel reporting systems to assist in the event of search and rescue operations. [Read more.](#)

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- **Singapore - Circular - LRIT**

The Maritime Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has issued a new circular on Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) in regards to conformance testing and certification. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - MIN 539 - Boatmasters' Regulations**

The UK MCA has published a marine information note on updating refresher training requirements for boatmasters and crew members holding STCW basic training certificates in lieu of Boatmasters' Licence (BML) ancillary safety training. [Read more.](#)

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- **USA - NVICs - Offshore Supply**

The US Government has issued four Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) on guidelines for national and STCW endorsements on offshore supply vessels. These are:

- 1.) For service as a Deck Officer. [Read more.](#)
- 2.) For service as Chief Engineer. [Read more.](#)
- 3.) For service as Master and Chief Mate. [Read more.](#)
- 4.) For service as an Engineering Officer. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - News and Rules - BWM**

ABS has issued a news article to advise that the US Coast Guard (USCG) has begun civil proceedings against the operator of a vessel for the illegal discharge of ballast water. The US stated that the ship did not use a Coast Guard-approved ballast water management system or other approved means. [Read more.](#) ABS has also published an updated edition of their [Rules for Ballast Water Treatment.](#)

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- **Class NK - Technical News - ECDIS**

Class NK has issued a new technical news article to advise of the revised IHO standards of Electronic Navigation Charts (ENCs) that are used in Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS). The new standards must be installed by 31 August 2017. [Read more.](#)

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

Four guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

IOPP Surveys - IR Class has issued a technical circular to advise on compliance with regulation D-2 by the first International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) renewal survey after 8th September 2017. This is in regards to a St. Kitts & Nevis maritime circular. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club**

Alert - Guidance Updates

The American Club has released an alert to advise of updates to their guidance documents on the regulations of the US and China. The summaries are of key regulations that ships and shipowners should be aware of when trading in the regions. [Read more.](#)

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- **GARD**

Two articles have been issued this week, including:

Update - Piracy

The GARD P&I Club has issued an update to its loss prevention material to give a situation update on piracy in Asia. [Read more.](#)

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- **International Group of P&I Clubs'**

News - STOPIA & TOPIA

The International Group of P&I Clubs has recently issued amended editions of the Small Tanker Oil Pollution Indemnification Agreement (STOPIA) and the Tanker Oil Pollution Indemnification Agreement (TOPIA). A number of P&I clubs have repeated the issuance of the circular. [Read more.](#)

To view all notices issued by the International Group of P&I Clubs' log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

- **Standard Club**

Five news articles have been issued this week, including:

News - Nickel Ore

The Standard Club has issued a news article to advise ships loading nickel ore in the Philippines to ensure that the cargo to be shipped is legal and that the loaded cargo is not from a blacklisted mine. [Read more.](#)

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- **Swedish Club**

Port Updates - Yemen and Guinea

The Swedish Club has issued two news articles to advise of the port situation in [Yemen](#) and in [Guinea](#).

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- **UK P&I Club**

Four guidance notices have been issued this week, including:

Alert - China

The UK P&I Club has published a new notice on the sludge and garbage disposal requirements of the People's Republic of China. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **INTERCARGO - Outcome of SDC 4**

INTERCARGO has written an article on the outcome of SDC 4 (the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction) which took place from 13 to 17 February 2017. Passenger safety issues, ship deadweight determination requirements and draft amendments to various guidelines were discussed. [Read more.](#)

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- **ICS - Flag State Performance**

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has published a new table of the latest flag State performance statistics. [Read more.](#)

Issued 21/02/2017.

- **New Zealand - MLC**

The Maritime New Zealand authority has issued a media release to confirm that New Zealand will start enforcing the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) on 9 March. This will include port State control by inspection of foreign flagged ships from any country to confirm compliance with MLC standards. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK MCA - Search and Rescue**

The UK government has published a document containing a strategic overview and organisational plan for UK search and rescue (UKSAR) operations. [Read more.](#)

Issued 21/02/2017.

- **UK MCA - Passenger Statistics**

The UK government has issued provisional statistics on UK international and domestic sea passenger numbers for 2016. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK MCA - Reporting Guidance**

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has issued an update to the Consolidated European Reporting System (CERS) workbook. This should be used by Masters and agents to provide mandatory port call,

Dangerous Goods information, waste information and security information to the MCA. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Sweden - Final Report**

The Swedish Accident Investigation Authority (SHK) has published its final report into the fatal fire on-board the Tug 'Zeus' which occurred in the port of Sölvesborg, Sweden. The report determines that the likely cause was a piece of clothing or bedding that was in contact with a very hot unattended bedside (bunk) light. Four seafarers were killed as a result of the fire. [View Report.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **COLREG.2/Circ.68 - 22/02/17**

TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES AND ASSOCIATED ROUTEING MEASURES "IN NORRA KVARKEN" TEMPORARY SUSPENSION. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.7/Circ.24 - 17/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. Interim Guidance for Parties, Administrations, port State control authorities, recognized organizations and other relevant parties on the requirements of the STCW Convention, 1978, as amended. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.72 - 17/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. Communication received from the Government of South Africa. [View Circular.](#)

- **NWRC.1/Circ.31 - 17/02/17**

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. Extension by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Cayman Islands. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC.1/Circ.869 - 17/02/17**

SUMMARY REPORTS AND ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY REPORTS UNDER MARPOL FOR THE PERIOD 2010 – 2015. [View Circular.](#)

- **SAR.1/Circ.97 - 17/02/17**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, 1979. Accession by Benin. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1550 - 17/02/17**

UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF SOLAS REGULATIONS II-2/10.2.1.3, II-2/10.2.2.4.1.2, II-2/10.7.3.2.3 AND II-2/19.3.1, AS AMENDED, AND PARAGRAPH 2.2.1.1 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE FSS CODE. [View Circular.](#)

- **SDC 4/J/7 - 15/02/17**

REVISED SOLAS REGULATION II-1/3-8 AND ASSOCIATED GUIDELINES (MSC.1/CIRC.1175) AND NEW GUIDELINES FOR SAFE MOORING OPERATIONS FOR ALL SHIPS (AGENDA ITEM 11). Proposed terms of reference for a correspondence group. [View Circular.](#)

- **SDC 4/J/6 - 15/02/17**

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHIP DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANDATORY INSTRUMENT AND/OR PROVISIONS ADDRESSING SAFETY STANDARDS FOR THE CARRIAGE OF MORE THAN 12 INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL ON BOARD VESSELS ENGAGED ON INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES (AGENDA ITEM 8) Proposed terms of reference for a correspondence group. [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)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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