



SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

Week 05, 2018 – Friday 2nd February

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – an updated merchant shipping notice entitled '[Maritime labour convention: medical certification](#)' and a marine information note about the '[Colour Assessment and Diagnosis \(CAD\) test](#)'.
- **Liberia** – a marine operation note called '[Guidance on Ballast Water Management Verification](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – two updated marine notices: '[Implementation of MARPOL Annex VI Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships](#)' and '[Medical Care On Board Ship and Ashore: Medicine Chest, Recordkeeping and Responsibilities and Training for Medical Care](#)'. They have also updated a [marine guideline](#) regarding the lay-up of vessels, and two marine safety advisories ([1](#), [2](#)).
- **Panama** – has updated several marine circulars: '[Emergency Escape Breathing Devices \(EEBD\)](#)'; '[Interim Recommendations for Panamanian Flagged vessels using PCASP while arriving, staying and departing from International Ports](#)'; '[Compliance with Long Range Identification and Tracking \(LRIT\) regulations Reference: MMC 195 MMC 197](#)'; '[Bunker Certificate Cost](#)'; '[Economic Incentives for Panamanian Vessels](#)'; '[Protection Against Attacks By Pirates In The High Risk Area \(HRA\)](#)'; '[Security Measures sailing in the Gulf of Guinea \(GoG\)](#)'; '[Imperative Anti-Piracy security measurements to be taken in urgent basis](#)'; and '[Security Measures in Nigerian waters](#)'.
- **Bahamas** – one new [bulletin](#) regarding marine evacuation systems, and one revised bulletin entitled '[Servicing of Marine Evacuation Systems, Inflatable LifeRafts, Inflated Rescue Boats, Inflatable LifeJackets and Hydrostatic Release Units](#)'.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has published several rules and guidance notes, including one on '[Safety of ro-ro passenger and cruise ships](#)' and another entitled '[Rules for the classification of crew boats](#)', among others. They have also released a [summary](#) of the major outcomes of the fifth session of the IMO sub-committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC).
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published two technical circulars: '[Malta Flag Technical Notice MARPOL.6 Reg. Amendments to MARPOL Annex V](#)' and '[RMI Marine Notice on Medical Care Onboard and Ashore](#)'.

- **RINA** – has published their January 2018 marine information notice, '[THETIS MRV, the EMSA web platform to record CO2 emission from ships](#)'.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has issued a member alert entitled '[People's Republic of China \(PRC\) Yellow Fever Quarantine for Ships Arriving from Nigeria, Peru and Brazil](#)'.
- **GARD** – has published a circular called '[Maritime Labour Convention 2006 As Amended \(MLC\) – Liability for Uninsured MLC Liabilities](#)'. They have also released two alerts - one regarding [the new guidelines for threat assessments in Yemen](#), and the other about [enhanced yellow fever inspections in China](#).
- **SKULD** – has issued a [member advisory](#) about the Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) and a piece from the January edition of *The Field* titled '[Spotlight on Insolvency - Restructuring in US, UK, Norway and Singapore](#)'.
- **The Japan Ship Owners' Mutual Protection & Indemnity Association** – has issued a circular called '[Alterations to the Rules of the Association](#)' and a [navigation warning](#) about China's waters.
- **North of England P&I Association** – has published several industry news reports, including '[Indonesia – Confusion Over Cabotage Regulations for Coal and Crude Palm Oil](#)' and '[India: Shipowners May Be Liable to Pay Service Tax *Update*](#)'.
- **The Standard Club** – has published multiple web alerts, including one regarding the ongoing [US offshore drilling situation](#) and another entitled '[Web Alert: CHIRP releases publication: "Perception, Decision Making and Fatigue at Sea"](#)'.
- **The Swedish Club** – has issued this month's [safety scenario](#), which is on leaking cargo hatch covers.
- **The UK P&I Club** – has released a circular entitled '[Special War Risks P&I Excess cover and Bio-chem cover](#)'.

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

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK** – the Department for Transport has published a [review of progress](#) following the publication of the Maritime Growth Study and outlines plans for the future.
- **UK** – the MCA has released an updated [list](#) of approved service stations for liferafts, boats and life jackets and a revised [table](#) giving details for approved recruitment and placement agencies.
- **IMO** – has [announced](#) an extended mission to Yaoundé, Cameroon, to support efforts to prevent piracy, armed robbery against ships and illicit maritime activity in west and central Africa.
- **USCG** – has posted a [Federal Notice](#) 'requesting individuals interested in serving on the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC), Eastern Great Lakes, and the four regional sub-committees submit applications by Feb. 28, 2018.'
- **IOGP** – have published a safety alert entitled '[Chloride-Induced Stress Corrosion Cracking \(CISCC\) of Strain-Hardened Type 304 Stainless Steel Bolts](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Japan** – has published a [marine incident investigation report](#) on the listing and intentional running aground of the cargo ship 'Tong Da'. It was concluded that improperly maintained weatherproofing of the upper deck allowed seawater that was washing up to flood the No. 2 cargo hold.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **COLREG.2/Circ.70 - 30/01/18** - TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES AND ASSOCIATED ROUTEING MEASURES "IN NORRA KVARKEN" TEMPORARY SUSPENSION [View Circular](#).
- **FAL.3/Circ.213 - 26/01/18** - CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965 [View Circular](#).
- **III.3/Circ.5 - 23/01/18** - CASUALTY ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS [View Circular](#).
- **STCW.2/Circ.84 - 23/01/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.1/CIRC.49 - 15/01/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **AFS.1/CIRC.68 - 15/01/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **NWRC.1/Circ.37 - 15/01/18** - NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007 [View Circular](#).
- **COLREG.1/Circ.159 - 15/01/18** - CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972 [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.2/Circ.65 - 11/01/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **CLC.6/Circ.71 - 10/01/18** - PROTOCOL OF 1992 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1969 [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 EU MRV First Reporting Period (EU Regulation 2015/757) – effective 01/01/18
- SOLAS Chapter V, regulation 19 BNWAS – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (FAL) – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the IMDG Code (MSC.406(96)) – effective 01/01/18
- Amendments to the ESP Code (MSC/405(96)) – effective 01/01/18
- The Ballast Water Management Convention 2004 – effective 08/09/17.

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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Digital Publications & Flag State Legislation

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