



## SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – an amended merchant shipping notice: '[Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Hours of Work and Entitlement to Leave Application of the Merchant Shipping \(Maritime Labour Convention\) \(Hours of Work\) Regulations 2018](#)'.
- **Norway** – a new circular called '[Unscheduled Inspections carried out by RO](#)'.
- **Australia** – four amended marine orders: '[Marine pollution prevention – air pollution](#)', '[Engineer officers](#)', '[Marine pollution prevention – sewage](#)' and '[Marine pollution prevention – oil](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – an updated marine notice entitled '[Hazardous Work and Consideration of Health and Safety Issues for Seafarers Under the Age of 18 Years Old](#)'.
- **Panama** – two updated circulars - '[Authorized Recognized Security Organizations \(RSO\)](#)' and '[Use of Electronic Certificates onboard](#)' - and one new circular titled '[Interim guidance on maritime security in the Southern Red Sea and Bab al-Mandeb](#)'.

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### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **DNV GL** – has published an article entitled '[Ballast water management and port state control – checklist for preparation of PSC inspections](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released one new technical circular called '[Republic of Liberia Marine Operations Note on Advance Notice of Arrival Requirements for vessels calling on ports in Australia, China, Europe and USA](#)'.
- **Korean Register of Shipping** – has issued a [summary](#) of the latest meeting of their Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment.

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### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has issued a circular entitled '[The United States Imposes Sanctions Against Additional Russian Entities and Individuals](#)'. They have also announced to their members that they have released their 2018-2019 '[By-laws, Rules and List of Correspondents](#)'.
- **GARD** – has published an [alert](#) on the upsurge in yellow fever cases in Brazil.
- **SKULD** – has released two new articles: '[Title in bunkers - a success story](#)' and '[Different types of Co-Assureds and their access to policy cover](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** – has issued four news articles: '[Hong Kong: The '14-Day Rule' For Seafarers](#)'; '[North Korea: Sanctions Update](#)'; '[US: Ballast Water Management \(BWM\) Update](#)'; and '[Chirp \(Tagalog Edition\)](#)'.
- **Japan P&I** – has published a [general guide](#) to GDPR for its members. They have also released an article titled '[China – Navigation Notice by Xiamen MSA: Navigation Speed Limit and Navigation Restrictions under Heavy Weather for Vessels Sailing within Xiamen Sea Area](#)'.
- **The North of England P&I Association** – has issued two news pieces entitled '[Cyber Fraud - A Continued Threat](#)' and '[Avoiding Yellow Fever in Brazil](#)'.
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has released two bulletins for its members: '[Hazards associated with dirty engine room bilges](#)' and '[Listeriosis outbreak in South Africa](#)'.
- **The Standard Club** – has issued three new web alerts: '[Hong Kong office move](#)'; '[Implementation of 0.5% sulphur limit for all foreign vessels entering Taiwanese ports from 1 Jan 2019](#)'; and '[US Coast Guard issues new circular on potential danger of defective immersion suits for seafarers](#)'.
- **The Swedish Club** – has published a new member alert called '[Fire! Every seafarer's worst fear](#)'.
- **West of England P&I** – has released two news updates: '[Club Selects Standard & Poor's](#)' and '[Pre-Employment Medical Examination \(PEME\) Programme – Extended to India](#)'.
- **UK P&I Club** – has published two news updates: '[General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\) compliance](#)' and '[HYPROC Seminar Algeria](#)'.

## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO** – has released a [video](#) on the Global MTCC Network (GMN) initiative, which is 'uniting technology centres – Maritime Technology Cooperation Centres (MTCCs) – in targeted regions into a global network. Together, they are promoting technologies and operations to improve energy efficiency in the maritime sector.'
- **USCG** – has posted a [summary](#) of the 5th Session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Pollution, Prevention and Response, which was held in London from 5-8 February.
- **Oil and Gas UK** – has [announced](#) the release of their [Business Outlook 2018](#) report, which 'reflects on the sector's past performance and assesses its future prospects'.
- **GARD** - has published an insight article entitled '[Tackling cargo misdeclaration – a first line of defence against container fires](#)'.
- **Chevron** - has issued a detailed report on their approach to climate change: '[Climate Change Resilience: A Framework for Decision Making](#)'.

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – has published a [report](#) on the death of a crew member who fell into the water while boarding the fishing vessel '*Constant Friend*'. It was concluded that the situation for boarding the vessel was highly dangerous: the crew had to climb over the guardrails of both the '*Constant Friend*' and another vessel, the '*Silver Harvester*', while both were moored but moving quite significantly. This risk was heightened by the level of alcohol in the crew member's system at the time of the accident.
- **USA** – has published a [report](#) on the outbreak of fire on the upper vehicle deck of the ro-ro vehicle carrier '*Honor*', which caused extensive damage. One person was injured during the firefighting efforts. It was found that the probable cause of the fire was 'a fault in the starter motor solenoid in one of the personally owned vehicles being transported in the vessel's cargo space'.

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## Recent IMO Circulars

- **MEPC.1/Circ.834/Rev.1 - 19/03/18** - CONSOLIDATED GUIDANCE FOR PORT RECEPTION FACILITY PROVIDERS AND USERS [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.4/CIRC.259 - 16/03/18** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular](#).
- **LLMC.3/CIRC.50 - 16/03/18** - PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976 [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.874/Corr.1 - 08/03/18** - SUMMARY REPORTS AND ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY

REPORTS UNDER MARPOL FOR THE PERIOD 2011 TO 2016 [View Circular.](#)

- **SUA.3/Circ.40 - 08/03/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION [View Circular.](#)
- **SUA.4/Circ.34 - 08/03/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF [View Circular.](#)
- **PMP.1/Circ.216 - 08/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO [View Circular.](#)
- **SLS.12/Circ.152 - 08/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974 [View Circular.](#)
- **LLMC.3/Circ.49 - 06/03/18** - PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976 [View Circular.](#)
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.80 - 06/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001 [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:

- Amendments to MARPOL Annex I, Appendix II (MEPC.276(70)) – effective 01/03/18
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Mandatory data collection system for fuel consumption) – effective 01/03/18
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex V (Garbage Record Book and HME substances) – effective 01/03/18
- 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

- 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.
- Facilitation Committee (FAL) 42 – 4th to 8th June 2018
- Technical Cooperation Committee (TC) 68 – 18th to 22nd June 2018

- IMO Council 120 – 2nd to 6th July 2018
- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) 5 – 16th to 20th July 2018

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