



SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **Australia** – two amended marine orders: '[Engineer Officers](#)' and '[Marine pollution prevention – oil](#)'.
- **USA** – a new safety alert entitled '[Lessons Learned from the S.S. EL FARO Casualty](#)'.
- **Liberia** – a new marine operation note titled '[Liberian Seafarer Credentials - Crimea Region Sanctions](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – an updated marine notice called '[Reporting Certificate Fraud and Professional and Technical Incompetence](#)', a new marine guidance notice entitled '[Maritime Cyber Risk Management](#)', and a new marine safety note titled '[Prevention and Control of Ship Pollution in Tianjin Port](#)'.
- **Panama** – three updated marine circulars entitled: '[Authorized Recognized Security Organizations \(RSO\)](#)', '[Procedures and Rates for the issuance of the International Ship Security Certificate](#)', and '[Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear](#)'.
- **Bahamas** – a new technical alert titled '[Port State Control – United States Coast Guard QUALSHIP 21 & E-Zero Programs](#)'.
- **Singapore** – a new port marine circular called '[Persons Authorised to Supply Water to Ocean Going Vessels and Harbour Craft in Port](#)'.

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Class NK** – has published a piece of technical news entitled '[Guidance for vessels with inoperable ballast water management systems bound for US ports](#)'.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia P&I** – has published a news alert entitled '[Eastern Mediterranean Sea: Possible GPS Interference](#)'.
- **Japan P&I Club** – has issued '[Recent Navigation Warnings of China Waters No.66](#)'.
- **The North of England P&I Association** – has released an article titled '[GDPR and Crew Management](#)'.
- **The Standard Club** – has issued two new web alerts: '[Bahrain discovers its biggest oil field since 1932](#)' and '[USCG guidance on ballast water management](#)'. They have also published a document entitled '[A master's guide to fire safety on ferries](#)'.
- **The Swedish Club** – has released a member alert warning that '[Shipowners face risk of criminal liability for illegal demolition of end-of-life vessels](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK** – the MCA has published an updated version of their document '[A Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations](#)'.
- **USGC** – has announced the release of the latest issue of Outer Continental Shelf National Center of Expertise's '[Drill Down](#)'.
- **BIMCO** – has been working with partners to develop the [Maritime Reporting Model](#) (MRM), which is intended to standardise communication between ships and shore. This 'may reduce the administrative workload in connection with port calls by up to 80%'.
- **IBIA** – has announced the release of their '[Best practice guidance for suppliers for assuring the quality of bunkers delivered to ships](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** – has published four accident reports:
 - The ro-ro cargo vessel '[Chodziej](#)' suffered major engine damage while en route to Marseilles, France. It was found that two shell bearings had failed catastrophically, well before the expected end of life.
 - The container vessel '[Umm Sala](#)' ran aground after altering course to avoid two other vessels. It was found that the main cause of this incident was that the OOW was practically alone on the bridge at the time. Additionally, the alarms on the ECDIS had been switched off, and the minimum alarm depth on the echo sounder was set at 1960m and so had never activated.
 - The electrician on the bulk carrier vessel '[Abyo Audrey](#)' suffered fatal injuries while working inside the elevator shaft where he was trapped between the counterweight and the counterweight guard beam. The investigation could find no reason for the elevator having moved unexpectedly, nor could it assert with any certainty the reason for the electrician having been outside the safety cage.
 - The third engineer on the bulk carrier vessel '[Pompano](#)' died following a fall of approximately six meters, from the cargo hold's ladder to the top of the tank. A number of contributory factors were discovered, including a lack of supervisory oversight and the use of an inappropriate type of fall arrestor.
- **Malta** – has published a [report](#) of the marine safety investigation into the fatal accident of the Trainee Driller on board the drill ship '[Platinum Explorer](#)'. As there were no witnesses and no CCTV an absolute cause could not be determined, however the investigation found that 'it can be concluded with a high degree of probability that the Trainee Driller was crushed between the cradle and the trolley whilst conducting unplanned maintenance or repair on the Riser Feeding Machine'.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **IMSO.1/CIRC.98 - 30/03/18** - CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SATELLITE ORGANIZATION, 1976 [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1574/Corr.1 - 28/03/18** - INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF FIBRE REINFORCED PLASTIC (FRP) ELEMENTS WITHIN SHIP STRUCTURES: FIRE SAFETY ISSUES [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.2/Circ.53 - 22/03/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **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](#).

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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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