



SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

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IMO MEPC 72

Witherby Publishing Group has produced a [guidance article](#) providing an overview of the events at MEPC 72, which ran from 9th to 13th April 2018 at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The main topics discussed were:

- GHG Emission Reductions
- Implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention
- The Arctic.

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – two new marine information notes: '[Changes to SQA Engineering Examinations leading to a UK Certificate of Competency](#)' and '[Government Support for Maritime Training \(SMarT\)](#)'.
- **USA** – a new marine safety information bulletin entitled '[Oily Mixtures \(“Oily Bilge Water”\) Management for Oceangoing Vessels of less than 400 Gross Tons](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – an updated marine notice titled '[Implementation of IMO Unique Company and Registered Owner Identification Number Scheme](#)', and a new marine safety advisory on '[Clarifications to Certification Requirements for Seafarers Operating on RMI Ships in Polar Waters](#)'.
- **Panama** – three updated circulars: '[New Regulation for the Use of the Ship Security Alert System \(SSAS\)](#)'; '[Emergency Escape Breathing Devices \(EEBD\)](#)'; '[List of Approved P& I Clubs/ Insurers – MLC](#)'; and one new circular entitled '[Segumar Shanghai Office](#)'.
- **Isle of Man** – an updated shipping notice titled '[Isle of Man Endorsement Application Process](#)'; and two new technical advisory notices: '[Online Finance Facility](#)' and '[Format of Isle of Man Issued STCW Endorsements](#)'.

For full details of updates from flag States, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has released an article on the '[Adoption by the International Maritime Organization \(IMO\) of an initial strategy on reduction of Green House Gases emissions at MEPC 72](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published three new technical circulars: '[RMI Marine Guideline on Maritime Cyber Risk Management](#)'; '[Limiting the maximum Sulphur content of the fuel oils](#)'; and '[Migration of INMARSAT I-3 to I-4 Services](#)'.
- **Lloyd's Register** – has issued a report for shipowners, operators and managers entitled '[IMO GHG Strategy – What does it mean?](#)'.

To view all recent Class Society Guidance, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).



The banner features the OCIMF logo on the left, a 'COMING SOON' tag in a yellow box on the right, and a background image of a port with ships. The text describes the Mooring Equipment Guidelines (MEG4) Fourth Edition 2018, highlighting its importance for maritime safety and design. A call-to-action button is located at the bottom left.

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COMING SOON

Mooring Equipment Guidelines (MEG4)
Fourth Edition 2018

Mooring a ship to a berth is a common function for the maritime industry, however incidents that harm ship and terminal personnel still occur. This publication establishes recommended minimum requirements that will help ship designers, terminal designers, ship operators and mooring line manufacturers improve the design, performance and safety of mooring systems.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has published a member alert entitled '[New Developments Concerning United States Sanctions on Russia and Venezuela](#)'.
- **SKULD** – has updated an [article](#) about sanctions on Russia, and released a new article called '[Arbitration - an arbitrator's perspective](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** – has released two announcements: '[Loss Prevention Technical Seminar](#)' and '[Venezuela: Payment in 'Petros' Will Infringe US Executive Order](#)'.
- **Japan P&I** – has issued three news alerts: '[Measures to assure safe navigation during the peak season of drift-net fishing in the Seto Inland Sea](#)'; '[North Korea Sanctions – US issues large sanctions package targeting maritime industry](#)'; and '[New Measures for the Prevention and Control](#)'.

[of Ship Pollution in Tianjin Port](#)'.

- **North of England P&I** – has published an alert on the '[US Sanctions on Venezuelan Cryptocurrency](#)'.
- **The Standard Club** – has released four new web alerts: '[US sanctions and Venezuelan crypto-currency](#)'; '[London office relocation](#)'; '[The International Maritime Bureau \(IMB\) publishes first quarter report on piracy and armed robbery for 2018 – significant increase in incidents compared to 2016 and 2017](#)'; and '[OCIMF: Guidance on safety critical equipment and spare parts](#)'. The Club has also posted a [bulletin](#) on the upcoming GDPR.
- **The Swedish Club** – has issued an [article](#) on the expansion of US sanctions against Russia.
- **West of England P&I Club** – has released an [article](#) on the prohibitions on the use of the Venezuelan cryptocurrency 'Petro', and [another](#) on the increased sanctions against Russia.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK** – the Spring 2018 issue of the quarterly e-newsletter from the UK Shipping Register, [Flagging Up](#), has been released.
- **USCG** – has published their 2017 Annual Report on '[Port State Control in the United States](#)'.
- **EMSA** – has released their April 2018 [newsletter](#).
- **DNV GL** – has published a [white paper](#) assessing a range of potential alternative fuels and technologies.

Recent Accident Reports

- **USA** – has published a [report](#) of the investigation into a fire in the engine room of the ro-ro vehicle carrier '*Alliance St. Louis*'. It was concluded that the probable cause of the fire was the 'improper tightening of a pipe plug', which vibrated out of its position and resulted in a 'high-pressure release of marine gas oil' spraying onto the engine's hot exhaust gas pipe manifold.

For all recent accident reports, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **LLMC.1/Circ.60 - 18/04/18** - CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976 [View Circular](#).
- **LLMC.3/Circ.51 - 18/04/18** - PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976 [View Circular](#).

- **SSE.1/Circ.2/Rev.1 - 16/04/18** - HALON BANKING AND RECEPTION FACILITIES [View Circular](#).
- **NWRC.1/Circ.38 - 16/04/18** - NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007 [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1563/Corr.1 - 11/04/18** - CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS (IMDG) CODE [View Circular](#).
- **CT/AGR2012.1/Circ.9 - 05/04/18** - CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT OF 2012 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TORREMOLINOS PROTOCOL OF 1993 RELATING TO THE TORREMOLINOS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS, 1977 [View Circular](#).
- **STCW-F.1/Circ.17 - 05/04/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995 [View Circular](#).
- **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](#).

For all recent IMO public circulars, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

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

For a full and detailed list of recent IMO regulations, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance](#).

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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