



## SHIPPING REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **USA** – a new marine safety information bulletin entitled '[Concentrated Inspection Campaign: Open Lifeboats](#)'.
- **Liberia** – a new marine notice titled '[International Maritime Conventions, Protocols and Amendments to Which Liberia is a Party](#)'.
- **Panama** – two updated shipping circulars: '[Optional and Voluntary System for Electronic Books on board of Panamanian Flagged Vessels](#)' and '[Instructions for Payments to CSR and ISSC](#)'.

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

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### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** - has issued a new guidance note entitled '[Guidelines for Existing Ships Operating in Polar Waters](#)'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published four new technical circulars: '[Quality Issue in COSMO MED & Type Approved Fire Doors – Faulty A-60, A-0 and B-15 Fire Doors](#)'; '[Vanuatu Fleet Safety Letter on Garbage Record Book](#)'; '[Malta Technical notice on Immersion Suits and Anti-Exposure Suits](#)'; and '[Vincent & the Grenadines circular reg. voluntary reporting system for Energy Efficiency and Fuel Consumption Data Collection](#)'.
- **Korean Register of Shipping** – has released two announcements: '[Standard Form of "Maximum Rate of Discharge of Untreated Sewage"](#)' and '[Flag instruction for COSMO faulty fire doors \(Marshall Islands\)](#)'.
- **Lloyd's Register** – has issued a new statutory alert entitled '[The 2020 IMO global sulphur limit](#)'.
- **Class NK** – has posted an alert for their members about '[Emergency escape breathing devices \(EEBDs\) onboard Panamanian flag vessels](#)'.

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 the top right, and a background image of a port with several ships. The text on the banner reads: 'Mooring Equipment Guidelines (MEG4) Fourth Edition 2018'. Below this, a paragraph states: '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.' At the bottom left, there is a link: 'Click here for more information'.

### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has published three new member alerts: '[US Mitigates Effects of Economic Sanctions Imposed Against Additional Russian Entities and Individuals](#)'; '[PRC: Special Safety and Security Inspections for Vessels Entering Qingdao Waters](#)'; and '[People's Republic of China \(PRC\): Ship Pollution Response Organizations \(SPROs\)](#)'.
- **SKULD** – has posted a new article: '[Onerous timebars from a pre-action disclosure perspective - Review of leading authorities](#)'. Two articles have also been updated: '[Maritime Labour Convention \(MLC\) 2006](#)' and '[Russia Sanctions](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** – has issued four news alerts: '[Houston: Fish Causing Sea Chest Clogging](#)'; '[Libya: Danger of Crew Being Held if Ships Suspected of Oil Smuggling](#)'; '[Britannia P&I Training Week: Monday 3 to Friday 7 September 2018](#)'; and '[China: Loss Prevention Technical Seminars](#)'.
- **Japan P&I** – has issued a notice for their members entitled '[Recent Navigation Warnings of China Waters No.67](#)'.
- **North of England P&I** – has posted two notices: '[Reports suggest vessels that fail to sign SPRO agreements when calling at Chinese ports are facing administrative penalties](#)' and '[New Environmental Regulations in Force in Tianjin](#)'.
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has released a news article entitled '[U.S. strikes at Russian officials and](#)

[entities, with potential impact on non-U.S. persons](#)' and an announcement for their members regarding '[Automatic membership of ITOPE](#)'.

- **The Standard Club** – has issued two new web alerts: '[China MSA to implement Special Safety/Security Inspections in Qingdao \(20 April - mid-June 2018\)](#)' and '[USCG Houston Ship Channel MSIB 10-18](#)'. They have also published two press articles: '[How might technology affect the marine insurance industry?](#)' and '[David Roberts interviewed by Lloyds List, Asia](#)'.
- **West of England P&I Club** – has posted an alert for members entitled '[China – Fines For Not Having Valid SPRO Agreement](#)' and a [further update](#) on the subject of contracts with Rusal.

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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICS** – has published their [Annual Review 2018](#).
- **IMCA** – has released the April 2018 edition of '[Making Waves](#)', their quarterly magazine.
- **USCG** – has shared the [audio and slideshow](#) from a webinar on the Medical Certification process that is part of the merchant mariner credential.
- **IAPH** – has announced the release of the May/June issue of '[Ports and Harbors](#)'.
- **BIMCO** – the Documentary Committee has [approved](#) the proposed new version of the standard contract Bunker Terms (as mentioned in last week's email). These Terms 'improve on the previous edition with a maximum limit of the parties' liabilities – a key change that will lead to wider adoption of the contract'.

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – has published a [report](#) into the grounding on two separate occasions of the bulk carrier vessel '*Ocean Prefect*'. The investigation identified multiple factors, but two of the main points were that the pilot had 'very limited local knowledge and had only previously completed two pilotage acts in the port', and that the port 'lacked resource and marine expertise'.
- **New Zealand** – has published a [report](#) into the passenger vessel '*Azamara Quest*' striking the Wheki Rock in the entrance to the Tory Channel. It was found that the bridge crew had not had a common understanding of how the turn was going to be carried out, and so were unable to effectively monitor the progress of the manoeuvre.

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## Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC.4/Circ.258 - 02/05/18** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular](#).
- **MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.12/Rev.2 - 02/05/18** - REVISED GUIDELINES FOR FORMAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT (FSA) FOR USE IN THE IMO RULE-MAKING PROCESS [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.2/Circ.66 - 01/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND

- MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.1/Circ.52 - 01/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.1/Circ.51 - 01/05/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **HNS.2/Circ.2 - 30/04/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2010 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARRIAGE OF HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES BY SEA, 1996 [View Circular](#).
- **FAL.1/Circ.112 - 30/04/18** - CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965, AS AMENDED [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.876 - 23/04/18** - SAMPLE FORMAT FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE, EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE SEEMP PART II ON THE SHIP FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION DATA COLLECTION PLAN AND ITS TIMELY VERIFICATION PURSUANT TO REGULATION 5.4.5 OF MARPOL ANNEX VI [View Circular](#).
- **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](#).

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

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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

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

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### A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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- Singapore
- Marshall Islands

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