



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** - has released a marine information note amendment entitled '[Navigation: Vessel Traffic Services V103 and Local Port Services Course Dates 2018 – 2019](#)' and a merchant shipping notice entitled '[The Merchant Shipping \(Passenger Ship Construction: Ships of Classes I, II and II\(A\)\) Regulations 1998](#)'.
- **Liberia** - has published a new marine advisory note entitled '[Safe Navigations in the Singapore Strait and Singapore Waters](#)'.
- **Panama** - has updated five marine circulars:
 - '[Ballast Water Management Convention 2004, Panama Policy](#)'
 - '[Recognized Organizations authorized for the issuance of the Provisional Certificate under the International Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004](#)'
 - '[Use of Electronic Certificates onboard](#)'
 - '[Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear](#)'
 - '[Recognition of Company Security Officers \(CSO\)](#)'.
- **Bahamas** - has issued a new technical alert on '[Amendments to the IAMSAR Manual](#)'.
- **Isle of Man** - has released a new technical advisory notice entitled '[Isle of Man Issued Certificates – Change of Appearance](#)'.
- **Singapore** - has published two new circulars:
 - '[Piracy and Armed Robbery Against Ships and Amendment to Best Management Practices \(Version 5\) to Deter Piracy in the High Risk Area and Enhance Maritime Security in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea](#)'
 - '[Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Revokes Pegasus Maritime \(S\) PTE Ltd's Bunker Craft Operator Licence](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** - has issued updates to their guide '[Use of Lithium Batteries in the Marine and Offshore Industries](#)' and to their '[List of ABS Notations and Symbols](#)'.
- **DNV GL** - has published a technical article entitled '[First type approval of aluminium cables and connectors now in place](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** - has issued a new technical circular entitled '[Bahamas information bulletin regarding voluntary early implementation of SOLAS regulation II-1/12](#)'.



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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** - has published a member alert entitled '[Guidance on China's Standard for Discharging Water Pollutants from Ships](#)'.
- **GARD** - has issued two member alerts:
 - '[Have you remembered to fit compliant firefighters' radios onboard?](#)'
 - '[Hitchhiking bugs can cause a stink in Australia](#)'.
- **SKULD** - has posted an article entitled '[A fully appraised decision](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** - has released two news alerts:
 - '[Argentina: Draft Reduced at San Nicolas Port](#)'
 - '[Ukraine: Update on Deballasting Issues](#)'.
- **Japan P&I Club** - has issued a news alert entitled '[China Amended Discharge Standard for Water Pollutants from Ships](#)'.

- **North of England P&I** - has posted three news alerts:
 - ['China Introduces Amended Discharge Standards for Water Pollutants from Ships'](#)
 - ['Hong Kong – New Air Pollution Regulations'](#)
 - ['Ballast Water Sampling, Ukraine *Update*'](#).
- **The Standard Club** - has published a press article entitled '[P&I clubs size up fixed-premium opportunity](#)' and a web alert entitled '[Update - increase in problems with ecological inspectors in Ukrainian ports](#)'.
- **The Swedish Club** - has released a member alert entitled '[MSS Case July: Broken valve causes pollution](#)'.
- **West of England P&I Club** - has published a news alert entitled '[New Zealand – Biofouling Regulatory Requirements](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK** - The Department for Transport has published their '[Maritime Annual Report 2017-2018](#)'.
- **IMO** - has released a short animated [video](#), entitled 'IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future', which outlines the history of the Organization and highlights key future challenges.
- **EMSA** - has published the July 2018 edition of their [newsletter](#).
- **ICS** - has [announced](#) that it is 'encouraged' by the progress made by IMO Member States in addressing the 2020 Global Sulphur Cap.

Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the engine failure on board the RoRo passenger ferry '*Wight Sky*', which caused a fire that seriously injured the vessel's engineer. It was found that the failure was caused by debris in the engine's oil channels, possibly introduced during installation.
- **Malta** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the grounding of the container ship '*Kea Trader*' on Durand Reef. Multiple factors were involved, including misuse of the ECDIS.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1587 - 16/07/18** - PROCEDURAL ASPECTS RELATED TO THE DRAFTING OF AMENDMENTS TO SAFETY-RELATED IMO CONVENTIONS, OTHER THAN THE 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION, AND RELATED MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS [View Circular.](#)
- **HNS.2/Circ.3 - 16/07/18** - 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.](#)
- **STCW-F.1/Circ.20 - 16/07/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR FISHING VESSEL PERSONNEL, 1995 [View Circular.](#)
- **IFC.7/Circ.21 - 16/07/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2003 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1992 [View Circular.](#)
- **MEPC.1/Circ.778/Rev.3 - 13/07/18** - LIST OF SPECIAL AREAS, EMISSION CONTROL AREAS AND PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE SEA AREAS [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1500/Rev.1 - 12/07/18** - GUIDANCE ON DRAFTING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION AND RELATED MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS [View Circular.](#)
- **FAL.6/Circ.14/Rev.1 - 12/07/18** - SHIP/PORT INTERFACE [View Circular.](#)
- **FAL.3/Circ.214 - 06/07/18** - ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE FACILITATION COMMITTEE [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1589 - 06/07/18** - GUIDELINES ON OPERATIONAL INFORMATION FOR MASTERS IN CASE OF FLOODING FOR PASSENGER SHIPS CONSTRUCTED BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2014 [View Circular.](#)
- **BWM.2/Circ.68 - 05/07/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1532/Rev.1 - 05/07/18** - REVISED GUIDELINES ON OPERATIONAL INFORMATION FOR MASTERS OF PASSENGER SHIPS FOR SAFE RETURN TO PORT [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.1 - 04/07/18** - ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND THEIR SUBSIDIARY BODIES [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1594 - 03/07/18** - AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE (IAMSAR) MANUAL [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1293/Rev.1 - 02/07/18** - PARTICIPATION IN THE WMO VOLUNTARY OBSERVING SHIPS SCHEME [View Circular.](#)
- **TM.2/Circ.153 - 02/07/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TONNAGE MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS, 1969 [View Circular.](#)
- **SLS.12/Circ.153 - 02/07/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974 [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 the 'International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers' (STCW) and STCW Code (MSC.416(97) and MSC.417(97)) – effective 01/07/18
- SOLAS CH V, Reg 19, para 2.10 – ECDIS – effective 01/07/18
- Amendments to the ESP Code on minimum thickness (MSC.412(97)) – effective 01/07/18
- 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

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) 5 – 16th to 20th July 2018
- Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) 10-14 September – 5th session
- Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) 24-28 September – 5th session
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 22-26 October – 73rd session
- 40th Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and 13th Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) 5-9 November
- IMO Council 19-23 November – 121st session
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 3-7 December – 100th session

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