



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** - has released an amendment to the marine guidance note '[Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Shipowners' Liabilities including Seafarer Compensation](#)'.
- **Australia** - has issued a new marine notice entitled '[Electronic Visual Distress Signals \(EVDS\)](#)'.
- **USA** - has published a new safety alert: '[Hazards of Parasail and Watersport Passenger Transfers](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** - has updated two marine notices:
 - '[Requirements on Carriage of Publications on Board Ships](#)'
 - '[Fire Control Plans Escape Route Signs and Life-Saving Symbols](#)'.
- **Bahamas** - has updated a bulletin entitled '[2018 Dates for Written Assessments For The Issue Of A Bahamas Certificate Of Competency As An Officer Under STCW Chapter II And III](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** - has released a new guide entitled '[Guidance Notes on Stationkeeping Operations of Self-Elevating Units Equipped with Dynamic Positioning Systems](#)'.
Updates have also been issued to:
 - '[Lifting Appliances \(2018\)](#)'
 - '[Guide for the Classification of Drilling Systems](#)'.
- **Bureau Veritas** - has published two new rules and guidance notes:
 - '[Rules for the Classification of Floating Storage Regasification Units and Floating Storage Units](#)'
 - '[LNG Carrier Conversion to FSRU or FSU](#)'.
- **Bureau Veritas** - has also released three news alerts for members:
 - '[China - new NOx emissions requirements for ships on domestic trades](#)'
 - '[Sulphur Cap 2020 - Intersessional Meeting on Consistent implementation of regulation 14.1.3 of MARPOL Annex VI took place from 9 to 13 July 2018](#)'

- ['Panama - MEPC.1/Circ.876 Early Submission of SEEMP Part II'](#).
- **China Classification Society** - has issued a new document entitled '[Rules for Classification of Sea-Going Steel Ships 2018](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** - has released two new technical circulars:
 - ['Panama Circular reg. Interim Guidance on Maritime Security in The Southern Red Sea and Bab al-Mandeb'](#)
 - ['Maritime Cook Islands circular reg. Fire Fighter's Portable Radiotelephone Apparatus'](#).

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD** - has published a new member alert entitled '[Port state control to focus on ship emissions](#)'.
- **SKULD** - has released an [article](#) on cargo fines in West Africa.
- **Britannia P&I** - has released an [emergency notice](#) warning of an unexploded bomb found floating off Lianyungang.
- **Japan P&I Club** - has issued two news alerts:
 - ['US Vessel Response Plans – Update on Western Alaska Alternative Planning Criteria'](#)
 - ['UK – Ballast Water Management Convention 2004 \(BWM 2004\) – Publication of FAQs by UK Maritime & Coastguard Agency'](#).
- **The Standard Club** - has published a press article entitled '[Women in Salvage](#)' and a web alert entitled '[Asian piracy drops to 10-year low](#)'.
- **The Swedish Club** - has released a member alert entitled '[Draft restrictions at San Nicolas port](#)'.
- **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** - has published a new [document](#) detailing the implementation schedule for the Ballast Water Management convention.
- **EMSA** - has published '[Seafarer Statistics in the EU](#)', a statistical review of EU seafarers holding valid certificates and endorsements in 2016.
- **OCIMF** - has published a new information paper entitled '[Guidelines to Harden Vessels](#)'.
- **IMB** - The [second quarterly report](#) from the IMB shows that there is a persistent piracy risk in the Gulf of Guinea, with all crew kidnappings in 2018 having occurred in that area.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the collision of the fishing vessel 'Saxon Onward' and the container ship 'Beijing Bridge'. It was found that the OOW had begun to execute the 'Beijing Bridge's planned alteration of course in advance of the passage plan waypoint. The risk of collision was also increased as the OOW was the sole lookout during the 2000-2400 watch that night. None of the subsequent alterations of course from either vessel were sufficient to avoid the collision.
- **New Zealand** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the grounding of the passenger ship 'L'Austral'. It was found that the harbour pilot lost situational awareness of the location and heading of the ship as it was dark and there were no visual navigation aids in the area. Although the Master and Officer of the Watch noticed that the vessel had deviated from the planned track, neither spoke up until it was too late. The bridge team were also not totally familiar with, and so not making full use of, the ECDIS.
- **Bahamas** - has published a [report](#) into the disappearance of the Electro Technical Officer from the Very Large Crude Carrier 'MV Seahero' while off the coast of Angola. The investigation was unable to determine when or from which location the Electro Technical Officer disappeared from the vessel, and unfortunately despite an extensive search he was not recovered.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1588 - 25/07/18** - CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS [View](#)
- [Circular](#), **MSC.1/CIRC.1065/Rev.1 - 23/07/18** - IALA STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS) PERSONNEL [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.3/Circ.43 - 23/07/18** - PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION [View Circular](#).
- **SUA.4/Circ.36 - 23/07/18** - 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](#).
- **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.](#)

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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 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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