



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **USA** - has published two new navigation and vessel inspection circulars:
 - ['Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Master of Vessels of Less Than 500 Gross Tons \(GT\)'](#)
 - ['Guidelines on Qualification for STCW Endorsements as Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch of Vessels of Less Than 500 GT'](#).
- **Liberia** - has released a new marine advisory note entitled ['Developments Regarding Sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran Imposed by the United States'](#).
- **Marshall Islands** - has updated two marine notices:
 - ['Long-Range Identification and Tracking of Ships'](#)
 - ['Conducting Surveys and Issuing International Convention and National Certificates for Private Yachts'](#).
- **Panama** - has updated three marine circulars:
 - ['Control of the Issuance of Statutory Certificates'](#)
 - ['Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 \(MLC, 2006\), Certification Process, MLC,2006'](#)
 - ['Validity of Color Copies of Original Documents'](#).
- **Bahamas** - has issued a new technical alert entitled ['Recommendations on Navigation through the Entrances to the Baltic Sea'](#).
- **Isle of Man** - has updated a Manx shipping notice entitled ['Voyage Data Recorders and Simplified Voyage Data Recorders'](#). A new technical advisory notice entitled ['Ammonium Nitrate Based Fertiliser - Thermal Decomposition'](#) has also been released.
- **Hong Kong** - has published three new merchant shipping information notes:
 - ['A fatal fall onto the tank top of a cargo hold during cleaning operation'](#)
 - ['Collision of a Bulk Carrier and an Oil Tanker in the East China Sea'](#)

- ['Service for Collection of Certificate of Registry Envelope'](#).
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** - has released a regulatory news announcement entitled '[2016 Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention](#)'.
 - **Indian Register of Shipping** - has issued two new technical circulars:
 - ['New Security Guidance - Anti Piracy, BMP 5 and GCPG'](#)
 - ['DGS Engineering Circular No. 3 of 2018 Reg. Implementation of OSV Chemical Code'](#).
 - **Lloyd's Register** - has released two new statutory alerts:
 - ['China flag vessels imported after 1 September 2018. Diesel Engine NOx Tier I to Tier II Upgrade Certification Requirements'](#)
 - ['Amendment of reference line of the required EEDI for RoRo cargo ships and RoRo passenger ships from phase 2'](#).
 - **Class NK** - has published two new technical alerts:
 - ['PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign on 'Auxiliary Machinery' in Riyadh MoU'](#)
 - ['PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign on 'MARPOL ANNEX VI \(Regulations on the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships\)'](#).
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The image shows the cover of a book titled "Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations" by OCIMF. The cover features a dark blue background with a yellow and white OCIMF logo on the left. The title "Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations" is written in white, with "First Edition 2018" below it. A photograph of two offshore tankers at sea is visible on the right side. The price "£275" is printed in white at the bottom left. A yellow banner at the top right says "COMING SOON".

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Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations
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This new publication provides guidance on the general principles, procedures and equipment required to safely moor and transfer cargo between offshore terminals and offtake tankers.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **IG P&I** - has published a document entitled '[Maritime Labour Convention financial security requirements FAQs](#)'.
- **The American Club** - has released two new circulars:
 - '[American Club Publication: Safety Management Systems](#)'
 - '[Maritime Labor Convention 2006 as Amended \(MLC\) - Frequently Asked Questions - Recent Update](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** - has released four new circulars:
 - '[Chinese Traditional: Implementation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679: General Guidance to Members](#)'
 - '[Chinese Traditional: Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation \('GDPR' or 'Regulations'\) in Claims Handling](#)'
 - '[Chinese Simplified: Implementation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679: General Guidance to Members](#)'
 - '[Chinese Simplified: Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation \('GDPR' or 'Regulations'\) in Claims Handling](#)'.
- **The Standard Club** - has published four web alerts:
 - '[Fishery farm claims in China](#)'
 - '[Marine polluters in Australia – beware of hefty fines](#)'
 - '[One time port waivers for VRPs and NTVRPs in the US](#)'
 - '[Questionnaire for the PSC CIC on MARPOL Annex VI](#)'.
- **The Swedish Club** - has released a member alert entitled '[Latest information from IMB can be found in SCOL](#)'.
- **West of England P&I Club** - has issued three news updates:
 - '[ITOPF - Available Services](#)'
 - '[Iran - Further Advice on Re-imposition of Secondary Sanctions](#)'
 - '[MLC - Updated International Group FAQs Published](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **INTERTANKO** - has published an article entitled '[Contaminated Fuels - An INTERTANKO Critical Review](#)'.
- **Oil & Gas UK** - has released the Summer 2018 edition of their quarterly magazine '[Wireline](#)'.
- **Japan P&I** - has [published](#) their 2018 Annual Report.
- **GARD** - has posted an article entitled '["Beaching" of vessels for shipbreaking – legal, illegal or somewhere in between?](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** - has published a [report](#) on the investigation into the death of the electrician on

board the chemical tanker 'Scot Berlin'. It was found that the probable cause of the fatality was the use of a pneumatic spray gun containing cleaning chemicals in an enclosed space without appropriate respiratory protection.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **GMDSS.1/CIRC.22 - 15/08/18** - MASTER PLAN OF SHORE-BASED FACILITIES FOR THE GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM (GMDSS MASTER PLAN) [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/CIRC.1592 - 03/08/18** - GUIDELINES FOR WING-IN-GROUND CRAFT [View Circular.](#)
- **LEG.1/Circ.9 - 02/08/18** - ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1593 - 27/07/18** - INTERIM GUIDELINES FOR THE HARMONIZED DISPLAY OF NAVIGATION INFORMATION RECEIVED VIA COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1595 - 27/07/18** - E-NAVIGATION STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – UPDATE 1 [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/CIRC.1376/Rev.3 - 27/07/18** - CONTINUITY OF SERVICE PLAN FOR THE LRIT SYSTEM [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1588 - 25/07/18** - CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS [View Circular.](#)
- **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.](#)

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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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