



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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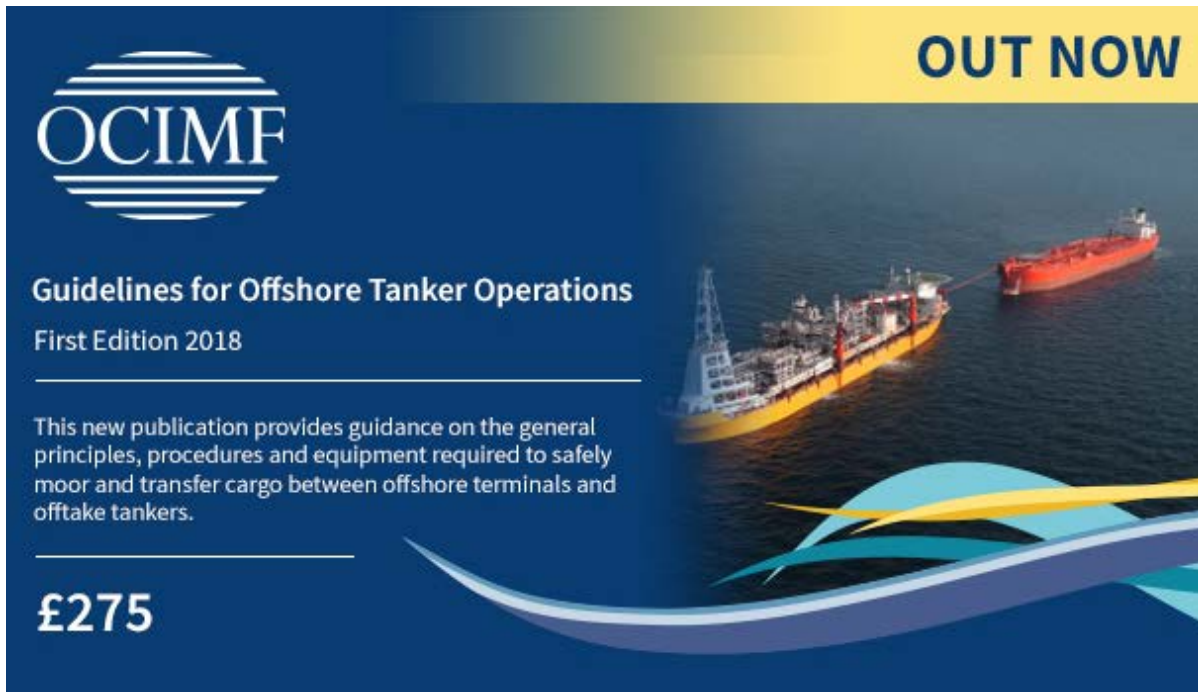
Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** - has published a merchant shipping notice amendment entitled '[The inland waters passenger ship code](#)'.
- **EU** - has issued '[Regulation \(EU\) 2018/608](#)' laying down technical criteria for electronic tags for marine equipment.
- **Marshall Islands** - has updated the marine notice containing a '[List of Office and Service Locations](#)'.
- **Panama** - has updated four merchant marine circulars:
 - '[Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear](#)'
 - '[Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 \(MLC, 2006\) - occupational accidents, injuries and diseases](#)'
 - '[Medicine chest and medical equipment](#)'
 - '[Adoption of amendments to MARPOL 73/78, Annex VI Panama Policy on IMO-DCS scheme](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **China Classification Society** - has issued a '[Guideline for the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of CO2 Emissions, 2018](#)'.

- **DNV GL** - has issued practical recommendations on the '[Implementation of the IMO Data Collection System](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** - has released two new technical circulars:
 - '[Publications to be carried onboard Malta Flagged Vessels](#)'
 - '[Carriage of Ammonium Nitrate Based Fertilizer \(non-hazardous\)](#)'.
- **Korean Register of Shipping** - has issued a technical information document on the '[Early implementation of the requirement for using low sulphur fuel oil \(0.5%\) for vessels in Yangtze River Delta ECA \(from 1st Oct. 2018\)](#)'.



The image shows the cover of a book titled "Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations" by OCIMF, First Edition 2018. The cover features a dark blue background with a yellow and white wave graphic at the bottom. The OCIMF logo is in the top left, and the text "OUT NOW" is in the top right. The book's title and price (£275) are prominently displayed. The background image shows two offshore tankers at sea.

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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

- **The American Club** - has issued a new e-learning tool on '[Ship-to-Ship Transfer](#)'.
- **GARD** - has issued two insight articles on:
 - '[Reviewing enclosed space entry procedures](#)'
 - '[Issues in the marine fuel supply chain](#)'.
- **SKULD** - has issued an information article entitled '[Weather-restricted sea transports for heavy lift ships](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** - has issued four web alerts:
 - '[New Turkish regulations for the Canakkale and Istanbul Straits](#)'
 - '[Case update - The Songa Winds \[2018\] EWCA Civ 1901- The interrelationship between letters of indemnity and charterparty 'time bar' provisions](#)'

- ['20 years of the ISM code'](#)
 - ['Early implementation of low sulphur fuel oil \(0.5%\) requirement for ships in Yangtze River Delta ECA \(from 1 Oct 2018\)'](#).
- **UK P&I Club** - has issued two alerts:
- ['MLC Financial Security Arrangements - updated FAQ'](#)
 - ['Review of cabotage in Australia'](#).
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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **BIMCO** - has published the [September edition](#) of its digital bulletin.
 - **EMSA** - has published the [September edition](#) of its newsletter.
 - **USCG** - has issued a series of [advisories](#) updating the port safety condition levels of US east coast ports as a result of Hurricane Florence. Further marine [advisories](#) have also been issued by the US NOAA National Hurricane Center.
 - **USCG** - has issued a change to NVIC 01-09 on ['Voluntary Compliance with International Sewage Regulations'](#).
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Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia** - has published a [report](#) on the near-grounding of the bulk carrier *'Aquadiva'* that was departing Newcastle Harbour, New South Wales. It was found that bridge resource management techniques were not effectively implemented during the pilotage.
 - **Germany** - has published a [report](#) on a chemical reaction that took place in a fertiliser cargo on the bulk carrier *'Purple Beach'*. The crew were evacuated due to medical concerns. The ship was towed to a place of refuge and the reaction was eventually extinguished after several days, although the ship was a total loss and subsequently scrapped.
 - **UK** - has published a [report](#) on the unintentional release of carbon dioxide from the fixed fire-extinguishing systems on the vessels *'Eddystone'* and *'Red Eagle'*. The investigation determined that the maintenance of the fire-extinguishing systems was inadequate and that the guidance available on maintenance was insufficient. The report noted that while no person was harmed in either of the incidents, the unintended release of carbon dioxide from fire-extinguishing systems has caused 72 deaths and 145 injuries between 1975 and 2000.
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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC-MEPC.1/CIRC.5/Rev.1/Corr.1 - 03/09/18** - ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND THEIR SUBSIDIARY BODIES [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.4/Circ.230 - 22/08/18** - REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular.](#)
- **BWM.1/Circ.57 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular.](#)
- **BWM.1/CIRC.56 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular.](#)
- **AFS.1/CIRC.72 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 [View Circular.](#)
- **PMP.1/CIRC.217 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO [View Circular.](#)
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.81 - 22/08/18** - INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001 [View Circular.](#)
- **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.](#)

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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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