



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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IMO MEPC 73

Witherby Publishing Group has produced a guidance article providing an overview of the events at MEPC 73, which ran from 22–26 October 2018 at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The main topics discussed were:

- Air Pollution, Energy Efficiency, GHG Emission Reduction
- Marine Plastic Litter
- Implementation of the Ballast Water Convention

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has released a new marine information note entitled '[Guidance for measures to prevent fires in Engine Rooms and Cargo Pump Rooms](#)' and two merchant shipping notices:
 - '[Countries whose Seafarer Medical Certificates are Accepted as Equivalent to the UK Seafarer Medical Fitness Certificate \(ENG 1\)](#)'
 - '[WORK IN FISHING CONVENTION \(No. 188\) Medical examination and certification for fishermen: Application of the Merchant Shipping \(Work in Fishing Convention\) \(Medical Certification\) Regulations 2018](#)'.
 - **Marshall Islands** – has updated a marine notice entitled '[Minimum Safe Manning Requirements for Vessels](#)'.
 - **Panama** – has updated a circular entitled '[Panama Oil Record Book and Emissions \(Amendments and Guidelines\)](#)'.
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** – has released a new guidance document entitled '[Guidance Notes on Smart Function Implementation](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published a technical circular entitled '[Republic of the Marshall Islands advisory regarding Cadet Working Hours](#)'.
- **Korean Register of Shipping** – has issued a collection of technical information documents entitled '[Information for taking effect on MLC convention of Hong Kong administration](#)'.
- **Lloyd's Register** – has released a statutory alert entitled '[Amendments to the Performance Standards for Enhanced Group Call \(ECG\) Equipment and NAVTEX Equipment](#)'.



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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **IG P&I** – has released a news alert entitled '[Group signs large casualty Memorandum of Understanding with Venezuela](#)'.
- **GARD** – has published an alert entitled '[Heightened security measures imposed on vessels arriving into the US from Iraq](#)'.
- **SKULD** – has issued an [article](#) on the IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap.
- **North of England P&I** – has released two news reports:
 - '[Philippines – Maritime Security Warning](#)'
 - '[Canada Going to Pot?](#)'.
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has published an article entitled '[Crowd and crisis management](#)'.
- **The Standard Club** – has released two new documents:
 - a special edition of their newsletter [Standard Safety](#) on Seafarer Wellbeing.
 - a web alert entitled '[New ICS Guidelines on compliance with the 2020 'Global Sulphur Cap](#)'.

**COMING
SOON**



Passage Planning Guide
Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS)
(PPG – SOMS 2019 Edition)

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMB** – The latest [piracy report](#) reveals that for the first time since 1994, no vessel hijackings have occurred in two consecutive quarters. Nevertheless, piracy and armed robbery remain a risk, especially in the Gulf of Guinea.
- **USCG** – has published their fourth article as part of 'National Cybersecurity Awareness Month'. This week's article is entitled '[Area Maritime Security Committees](#)'.
- **IMO** – has [pledged](#) to address the issue of marine plastic litter from ships.
- **ICS** – has released a guidance document entitled '[Compliance with the 2020 'Global Sulphur Cap' for Ships' Fuel Oil in Accordance with MARPOL Annex VI](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – an accident [report](#) has been released summarising the investigation into the collision of general cargo vessel '*Celtic Spirit*' with research and survey vessel '*Atlantic Explorer*', and general cargo vessel '*Celtic Warrior*', while all three were at anchor on the River Humber. It was concluded that '*Celtic Spirit*' dragged its anchor because insufficient anchor cable had been deployed for conditions. The movement of the vessel was not subsequently noticed or addressed because the anchor position monitoring interval was not appropriate, and the engines were not on immediate readiness.
 - **Norway** – an accident [report](#) has been released on the investigation into an incident in which a crew member fell overboard from the wellboat '*Øysund*' in Skudeneshjorden south of Karmsundet. It was found that there were no established procedures or guidelines for the crew being on the main deck in rough seas, and also that the crew was not well trained in carrying out MOB-boat exercises.
 - **New Zealand** – an accident [report](#) has been released summarising the investigation into the outbreak of fire in the cargo hold of multipurpose container vessel '*Kokopo Chief*' shortly after the completion of cargo loading operations at Port of Tauranga. It was found that the lights in the cargo hold had not been switched off on completion of loading and the radiating head had set fire to nearby packs of timber.
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Recent IMO Circulars

- **LLMC.3/Circ.52 – 28/10/18** – PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976 [View Circular](#).
- **HNS.2/Circ.4 – 26/10/18** – 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](#).
- **LL.10/Circ.75 – 24/10/18** – PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966 [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.1/Circ.59 – 24/10/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **PSLS.6/Circ.79 – 16/10/18** – PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED [View Circular](#).
- **STCW.7/Circ.19/Rev.1 – 03/10/18** – GUIDELINES ON THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF SEAFARERS [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.539/Add.2 – 03/10/18** – REPORTS ON CASUALTY STATISTICS CONCERNING FISHING VESSELS AND FISHERMEN AT SEA [View Circular](#).
- **LC-LP.1/Circ.86 – 03/10/18** – CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972, AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL [View Circular](#).
- **BWM.1/Circ.58 – 25/09/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.82 – 25/09/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **AFS.1/Circ.73 – 25/09/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **LC-LP.2/Circ.7 – 25/09/18** – 1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 2013 AMENDMENTS TO THE LONDON PROTOCOL TO REGULATE THE PLACEMENT OF MATTER FOR OCEAN FERTILIZATION AND OTHER MARINE GEOENGINEERING ACTIVITIES [View Circular](#).
- **FAL.1/Circ.100/Rev.1 – 20/09/18** – SHIP/PORT INTERFACE [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.409/Rev.1 – 20/09/18** – SHIP/PORT INTERFACE [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/CIRC.1101/Rev.1 – 20/09/18** – SHIP/PORT INTERFACE [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.753 – 19/09/18** – REPORT ON FISHING VESSELS AND FISHERMEN STATISTICS [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

- 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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