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## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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MARINE  
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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has released six new marine guidance notices:
  - ['Maritime Labour Convention: Substantial equivalence for crew accommodation for new vessels of 200GT to less than 500GT'](#)
  - ['Maritime Labour Convention: Crew accommodation for small vessels of less than 200GT that are ordinarily engaged in commercial activities'](#)

- ['Maritime Labour Convention: Inspection of Coded Vessels'](#)
  - ['Intended Pleasure Vessels - Temporary Commercial Use at Sea - Business Purposes'](#)
  - ['Pleasure Vessels - Regulations and Exemptions - Guidance and Best Practice Advice'](#)
  - ['Intended Pleasure Vessels - Temporary Commercial Use at Sea - Race Support Boats'](#).
- **Australia** – has added two new marine notices:
    - ['Limitation of sulphur emissions from cruise vessels while at berth in Sydney Harbour'](#)
    - ['Pre-loading cargo information for livestock vessels'](#).
- **Liberia** – has released a new marine advisory notice entitled ['China's Domestic Emission Control Areas'](#), and two new marine notices:
    - ['Issuance of Marine Notices'](#)
    - ['Maritime Transport Concerning Liberian and Chinese Registered Vessels'](#).
- **Marshall Islands** – has updated a marine notice entitled ['Requirements on Carriage of Publications On Board Ships'](#), and released two new marine safety advisories:
    - ['Lifeboat Exhaust System Piping'](#)
    - ['Entire Chinese Coast to Become an Emission Control Area, Requiring the Use of 0.5% Sulphur Fuel Oil'](#).
- **Panama** – has released seven new and updated documents:
    - Three new circulars:
      - ['Yacht Technical Policy'](#)
      - ['Annual SSAS Test Mandatory'](#)
      - ['Early Implementation of SOLAS Regulations II-2/Regulation 1 and II-2/Regulation 10'](#).
    - Four updated circulars:
      - ['Maritime Cyber Risk Management'](#)
      - ['Ship Protection Measures for Vessels transiting High Risk Areas'](#)
      - ['Interim guidance on maritime security in the Southern Red Sea and Bab al-Mandeb'](#)
      - ['Exemptions of requirements of International Conventions and National Regulations and Issuance of Conditional/ Short Term Certificates'](#).
- **Isle of Man** – has released a new technical advisory notice entitled ['Official Log Books, List of Crew & GMDSS Log Books'](#), and has updated two marine shipping notices:
    - ['Pleasure Vessel Manning'](#)
    - ['Red Ensign Group Yacht Code & Isle of Man LY3 National Annex'](#).
- **Singapore** – has released four new documents:

Two new shipping circulars:

- ['Prevention of Pollution of the Sea \(Air\) \(Amendment No. 2\)'](#)
  - ['Training and Certification Requirements for Ships Operating in the Polar Waters'](#).
- Two new port marine circulars:
- ['Prohibited Anchoring in Western Singapore Port Limits'](#)
  - ['Amendment to Reporting Procedures for Vessels Manoeuvring in Port'](#)
- **Hong Kong** – has published a new merchant shipping information note entitled ['Oil spill from cracked shell plate'](#).
  - **Malta** – has issued a new technical notice entitled ['Revised consolidated format for reporting alleged inadequacies of port reception facilities'](#), and three new merchant shipping notices:
    - ['Non-Convention Vessel \(NCV\) Code'](#)
    - ['Amendments of 2016 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006'](#)
    - ['Application of Regulation \(EU\) 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling'](#).

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** – has released seventeen new guidance documents and collections:
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Units \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Guide for Alternative Requirements for Hull Construction of Vessels Intended to Carry Vehicles \(130 meters or More in Length\)'](#)
  - ['Marine Vessel Rules'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Offshore Support Vessels \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Floating Production Installations \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing High-Speed Craft \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Facilities on Offshore Installations \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Steel Barges \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Steel Floating Dry Docks \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Single Point Moorings \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Drilling Units \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Guide for the Environmental Protection Notation for Vessels'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels Under 90 Meters in Length \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels for Service on Rivers and Intracoastal Waterways \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Rules for Building and Classing Steel Vessels \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Generic Rules for Conditions of Classification, Materials and Welding, and Surveys After Construction \(2019\)'](#)
  - ['Guidance Notes on Cathodic Protection of Offshore Structures'](#).

- **Bureau Veritas** – has issued four new guidance documents:
  - ['Amendments to the Rules for the Classification of Steel Ships'](#)
  - ['Type Approval of Fibres and Yarns'](#)
  - ['Certification of Fibre Ropes for Deepwater Offshore Services'](#)
  - ['Wind Farms Service Ships'](#).
  
- **China Classification Society** – has published four new guidance documents:
  - ['RCN No.2 \(December 2018\) - Rules for Materials and Welding'](#)
  - ['Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk'](#)
  - ['RCN No.1 \(December 2018\) - Rules for Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk'](#)
  - ['RCN No.2 \(December 2018\) - Rules for Natural Gas Fuelled Ships, 2018'](#).
  
- **DNV GL** – has released two news alerts:
  - ['The EU ship recycling regulation - coming into general application on 31 December 2018'](#)
  - ['Update on emissions to air regulations for ships operating in Chinese coastal waters'](#).
  
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued eight new technical circulars:
  - ['Global Counter Piracy Guidance for Companies, Masters and Seafarers'](#)
  - ['Early Warning on Global 2020 Sulphur Cap Compliance'](#)
  - ['China - Emission control area'](#)
  - ['AMSA - Limitation of sulphur emissions from cruise vessels while at berth in Sydney Harbour'](#)
  - ['DG Shipping, India Circular reg. 0.5% max limit of the sulphur content in fuel oil - Compliance with the provisions of MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 14'](#)
  - ['St. Kitts and Nevis - Vessel Inspection Scheme'](#)
  - ['Malta - Application of Regulation \(EU\) 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling'](#)
  - ['Tuvalu - Approval of VIKING Life raft TYPE S30 for Extended service intervals'](#).
  
- **Korean Register of Shipping** – has published four new technical information documents:
  - ['Early Implementation of SOLAS II-2/Regulation 10.5.1.2.2'](#)
  - ['MEPC 73 - News Final'](#)
  - ['Enforcement of EU Regulation on Ship Recycling'](#)
  - ['Guidance for the Hong Kong / Taiwan / China ECA Regulations'](#).
  
- **Lloyd's Register** – has released three new class news notices:
  - ['Safety alert regarding vessels with arrangements for entry to cargo holds via confined spaces'](#)
  - ['Concentrated Survey Campaign – Shipboard Deficiencies'](#)
  - ['EU Ship Recycling Regulation - publication of new list of approved facilities and a reminder of upcoming compliance dates'](#).
  
- **Class NK** – has issued four new technical news alerts:

['Expansion of applicable areas subject to regulations on the sulphur content of fuel oil'](#)

- ['Commencement of the EU Regulation on Ship Recycling'](#)
- ['PSC Joint Information Campaign on "Global 2020 Sulphur CAP Compliance"'](#)
- ['Fire fighter' s communication for vessels flying the Greek Flag'](#).

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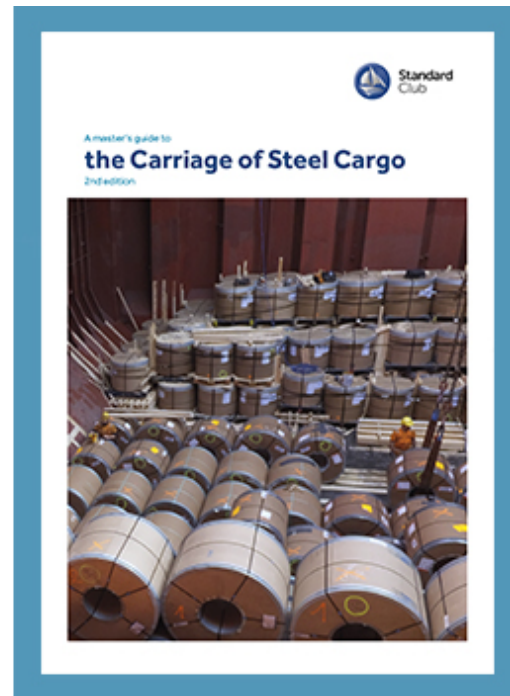
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- **The American Club** – has released four new documents:
  - Two new circulars:
    - ['Changes to the Rules of the Association for the 2019 Policy Year'](#)
    - ['War and Terrorism Risks: Cover in Respect of Biological and Bio-chemical Weapons - 2019 Policy Year'](#).
  - Two new alerts:
    - ['Prohibition of Open-loop Scrubber Systems in All Ports and Emission Control Areas of the People's Republic of China'](#)
    - ['People's Republic of China \(PRC\) Implementation Scheme of the Domestic Emission Control Areas \(DECAS\) for Atmospheric Pollution from Vessels'](#).
- **GARD** – has issued two new circulars:
  - ['Reinsurance arrangements for the 2019 policy year arranged through the International Group of P&I Clubs – special P&I war risks cover'](#)
  - ['Amendments to Rules 2019'](#).

- **SKULD** – has updated one article entitled '[Turkey: Pollution fines and criminal proceedings](#)' and has released three new articles:
  - '[2020 Sulphur Bunker Cap – Charterers' Concerns](#)'
  - '[South America: Soybeans](#)'
  - '[Emission Control Areas in Chinese Territorial Waters](#)'.
  
- **Britannia P&I** – has released three news alerts:
  - '[Paris And Tokyo MoU: Letter of Warning About Sulphur Fuel Content](#)'
  - '[Singapore MPA: Port Marine Circulars](#)'
  - '[United Arab Emirates \(UAE\): List of Flag States Where an IACS Classification is Required](#)'.
  
- **Japan P&I Club** – has issued five news alerts:
  - '[Port State Control \(Paris MOU, Tokyo MOU\) – Joint Information Campaign for implementation of the Global Sulphur Cap 2020](#)'
  - '[Recent Navigation Warnings of China Waters No.75](#)'
  - '[Ice condition at Ukrainian ports](#)'
  - '[China – Emission Control Areas \(ECA\) \(No.15\)](#)'
  - '[Turkey – Pollution Fines \(2018\)](#)'.
  
- **North of England P&I** – has published four news alerts:
  - '[UAE Compulsory IACS Classification for Certain Flagged Vessels \\*Update\\*](#)'
  - '[2019 Amendments to the IMSBC Code](#)'
  - '[New Year 2019 – New Regulations](#)'
  - '[Singapore and Malaysia in Territorial Dispute \\*Update\\*](#)'.
  
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has issued two news alerts:
  - '[What keeps the claims team busy?](#)'
  - '[Libya: Vessels and crew at risk if suspected of oil smuggling](#)'.
  
- **The Standard Club** – has released an article entitled '[The CRMS – New Zealand's anti-biofouling measure](#)', and four new web alerts:
  - '[OCIMF has published an information paper on 'Transfer of Personnel by Crane Between Vessels](#)'
  - '[PSC Joint Information Campaign on Global 2020 Sulphur Cap Compliance](#)'
  - '[Singapore MPA issues circular on new port limits and amended reporting procedures for vessels manoeuvring in port](#)'
  - '[US Federal Government Shutdown affects processing of USCG COFRs](#)'.
  
- **The Swedish Club** – has issued two new member alerts:
  - '[Dealing with Engine Room Fires](#)'
  - '[MSS Case January: Excessive speed when approaching berth](#)'
  
- **West of England P&I** – has published three news items:
  - '["Betelgeuse" – 40th Anniversary of Loss](#)'
  - '[Russian Sanctions - Rusal - Intention to Remove from SDN List](#)'

- ['Ship Handling Incidents at Low Speed'](#).
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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK** – The MCA has announced the release of ['The Workboat Code Edition 2'](#).
  - **EMSA** – has released their [January 2019 Newsletter](#).
  - **USCG** – has issued a blog post entitled ['EPIRBs and False Alerts'](#).
  - **IMO** – has published an article entitled ['Bunker delivery note amendments enter into force as sulphur 2020 requirement looms'](#).
  - **OCIMF** – has released the December 2018 edition of their [Newsletter](#).
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## Recent Accident Reports

- **Norway** – The NMA has recently released a [report](#) on the investigation into an explosion on the construction service vessel '*Normand Maximus*' during pressure testing of a pipeline, which resulted in the death of one person and the injury of four others. The explosion was found to have occurred due to inadequate conditions resulting from a lack of monitoring and control at different points in the system.
  - **Bahamas** – The BMA has recently released a [report](#) on the investigation into the death of a crew member during cargo securing operations on the offshore supply vessel '*Skandi Pacific*'. This was found to have occurred as a result of insufficient identification of the potential hazards involved in the operation.
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## Recent IMO Circulars

- **PSLS.6/Circ.80 – 03/01/19** – PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974, AS AMENDED [View Circular](#).
- **III.2/Circ.1 – 21/12/18** – PORT STATE CONTROL RELATED MATTERS [View Circular](#).
- **LL.10/Circ.76 – 21/12/18** – PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966 [View Circular](#).



- **BWM.1/Circ.60 – 21/12/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **AFS.1/Circ.74 – 21/12/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001 [View Circular](#).
- **LC-LP.2/Circ.8 – 17/12/18** – 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](#).
- **BWM.2/Circ.68/Add.1 – 03/12/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).
- **STCW.2/Circ.88 – 03/12/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.2/Circ.24 – 01/12/18** – PROVISIONAL CATEGORIZATION OF LIQUID SUBSTANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARPOL ANNEX II AND THE IBC CODE [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.795/Rev.3 – 30/11/18** – UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS TO MARPOL ANNEX VI [View Circular](#).
- **STCW.2/Circ.87 – 29/11/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.879 – 29/11/18** – GUIDELINES FOR THE CARRIAGE OF ENERGY-RICH FUELS AND THEIR BLENDS. [View Circular](#).
- **SALVAGE.1/Circ.63 – 23/11/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON SALVAGE, 1989. [View Circular](#).
- **SALVAGE.1/Circ.62 – 23/11/18** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON SALVAGE, 1989. [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.880 – 23/11/18** – REPORTING OF AVAILABILITY OF COMPLIANT FUEL OILS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 18.1 OF MARPOL ANNEX VI. [View Circular](#).
- **COMSAR.1/Circ.58/Rev.1 – 23/11/18** – LISTS OF NAVAREA AND METAREA COORDINATORS. [View Circular](#).
- **MEPC.1/Circ.878 – 22/11/18** – GUIDANCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SHIP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 0.50% SULPHUR LIMIT UNDER MARPOL ANNEX VI. [View Circular](#).

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## Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended recently include:



- Amendments to the IMSBC Code (MSC.426(98)) – effective 01/01/19
- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI – NOx Tier III ECAs and BDN information (MSC.317(89)) – effective 01/01/19
- 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

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## **A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO**

- Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR) 21-25 January - 6th session
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) 4-8 February - 6th session
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) 18-22 February - 6th session
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 4-8 March - 6th session
- Legal Committee (LEG) 25-29 March - 106th session
- Facilitation Committee (FAL) 8-12 April - 43rd session
- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) 29 April-3 May - 6th session
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 13-17 May - 74th session
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 5-14 June - 101st session
- Technical Cooperation Committee (TC) 24-28 June - 69th session

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