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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has released a new marine guidance note entitled '[Maritime Labour Convention: Inspection of Coded Vessels](#)'.
- **Liberia** – has published five new documents:
 - Two marine advisory notes:
 - '[Advisory on Sanctions on Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. \("PdVSA"\)](#)'
 - '[China's New Regulation on Data Collection for Energy Consumption for](#)

Ships'.

- Two marine operation notes:
 - ['Submission of Plans for Review and Verification'](#)
 - ['Advance Notice of Arrival and Pre-Arrival Checklist Requirements for Vessels Calling on Ports in Australia, China, Europe and the USA'](#).
- One marine notice:
 - ['Maritime Mobile and Maritime Mobile Satellite Radio Services Accounting Authority Approval and Operating Procedures'](#).
- **Marshall Islands** – has updated a marine notice entitled ['Liability Insurance for Seafarer Abandonment, Death and Long-Term Disability'](#).
- **Panama** – has added a new circular entitled ['Global Maritime Safety Inspection Platform Implementation \(GMSIPI\)'](#), and has updated three circulars:
 - ['Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 \(MLC, 2006\) – Regulation 3.2 – Food and Catering'](#)
 - ['Payment to SEGUMAR'](#)
 - ['Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear'](#).

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** – has released a new guidance document entitled ['Guide for Bridge Design and Navigational Equipment/Systems'](#).
- **Bureau Veritas** – has published a news alert entitled ['Marshall Islands - Vessel Response Plan \(VRP\)'](#).
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued two new technical circulars:
 - ['Safety Issues Associated with Fatal Falls Inside Cargo Holds'](#)
 - ['Liberia Flag State - Preemptive Boardings of Liberian Vessels calling on US Ports'](#).
- **Lloyd's Register** – has published a news alert entitled ['Preparation for 1 January 2020 - low sulphur fuel requirement'](#).
- **RINA** – has released a new marine information notice entitled ['The New China Domestic Emission Control Areas \(DECAs\)'](#).



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- **The American Club** – has published a new circular entitled '[Pre-employment Medical Examination \(PEME\) Program: New Clinic in Goa, India](#)'.
- **SKULD** – has released an article on the [sanctions imposed on Venezuela](#).
- **North of England P&I** – has issued an update on the [port situation in Yemen](#).
- **The Standard Club** – has published an article entitled '[Anthropogenic sound - the pollution you may not have heard of](#)', and three web alerts:
 - '[Vessel Incidental Discharge Act \(VIDA\) of 2018](#)'
 - '[INTERTANKO's guide to New Zealand's biofouling and ballast water requirements](#)'
 - '[FONAR' systems in view of the 2020 sulphur regulations](#)'.
- **The Swedish Club** – has issued a new member alert entitled '[MSS Case February: Fall during cargo operation caused serious back injuries](#)'.
- **West of England P&I** – has published a new circular entitled '[Venezuelan Sanctions – Designations against PdVSA](#)', and has released an article entitled '[Crew Health Advice: Eliminating shipboard bullying and harassment](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **USCG** – The Coast Guard International Ice Patrol has announced that it has begun its operations for the [2019 ice season](#).
- **IMO** – has announced that [Spain has become the latest accession](#) to the 2012 Cape Town Agreement, bringing the total number of Contracting States to 11.
- **IMB** – has launched a new initiative to [combat bills of lading fraud](#).

- **EMSA** – has released their [February 2019 Newsletter](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** – The MSIU has recently released a [report](#) on the investigation into the occurrence of a boiler furnace blowback on board the container vessel '*New Hampshire Trader*'. The immediate cause of the blowback could not be discovered, but it was found that the risk assessment for the operation did not successfully identify the hazards involved.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC.1/Circ.1601 – 12/02/19** – REVISED INDUSTRY COUNTER PIRACY GUIDANCE [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1164/Rev.20 – 08/02/19** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED [View Circular](#).
- **MSC.1/Circ.1598 – 08/02/19** – GUIDELINES ON FATIGUE [View Circular](#).
- **MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.15/Rev.1 – 08/02/19** – REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, REVIEW AND VALIDATION OF MODEL COURSES [View Circular](#).
- **LC-LP.1/Circ.88 – 06/02/19** – CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972, AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL [View Circular](#).
- **PAL.1/Circ.46 – 06/02/19** – ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974 [View Circular](#).
- **PAL.2/Circ.29 – 06/02/19** – PROTOCOL OF 1976 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974 [View Circular](#).
- **LC-LP.1/Circ.87 – 06/02/19** – CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL [View Circular](#).
- **COLREG.2/Circ.73 – 01/02/19** – TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES AND ASSOCIATED ROUTING MEASURES "IN NORRA KVARKEN" — TEMPORARY SUSPENSION [View Circular](#).

- **PAL.1/Circ.45 – 31/01/19** – ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974 [View Circular.](#)
- **PAL.2/Circ.28 – 31/01/19** – PROTOCOL OF 1976 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974 [View Circular.](#)
- **PAL.4/Circ.31 – 28/01/19** – PROTOCOL OF 2002 TO THE ATHENS CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR LUGGAGE BY SEA, 1974 [View Circular.](#)
- **PMP.1/Circ.218 – 28/01/19** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO OPTIONAL ANNEX IV [View Circular.](#)
- **LL.10/Circ.77 – 28/01/19** – PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966 [View Circular.](#)
- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.84 – 25/01/19** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001 [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1430/Rev.1 – 25/01/19** – REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN AND APPROVAL OF FIXED WATER-BASED FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEMS FOR RO-RO SPACES AND SPECIAL CATEGORY SPACES [View Circular.](#)
- **MSC.1/Circ.1582 – 25/01/19** – UNIFIED INTERPRETATIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE FSS CODE [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 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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