



## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **Panama** – has updated two circulars:
  - ['Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear'](#)
  - ['Technical E-Certificates onboard'](#)
- **Singapore** – has published a circular entitled ['Defects of Sewage Treatment Plant Becoming a Common Item for PSC Detentions'](#)
- **UK** – has released an amendment to the marine information notice entitled ['United Kingdom conformity assessment procedures for marine equipment - United Kingdom's Withdrawal from the European Union'](#)
- **USA** – has issued a safety alert entitled ['Confined Spaces: Silent & Invisible Killers'](#)

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### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has published two news articles:
  - ['Singapore - Defect of Sewage Treatment Plant'](#)
  - ['Marshall Islands - Conditions of Entry for Vessels Arriving at United States Ports from Certain Countries'](#)

- **DNV GL** – has released a set of practical recommendations on '[EU MRV and IMO DCS](#)'
- **Class NK** – has issued '[Draft amendments of the Rules and Guidance approved at the 1st Meeting of the 2019 Technical Committee](#)'
- **Korea Register** – has released a '[Maritime Cyber Security Newsletter](#)'.



### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has issued two member alerts:
  - '[IMO Guidance on Implementation Plan for Compliance with 0.50% Sulfur Limit Under MARPOL Annex VI](#)'
  - '[First Quarter 2019 Maritime Piracy Update](#)'
- **The Japan P&I Club** – has published a circular on '[Sanctions and P&I Cover](#)'
- **The North P&I Club** – has released three news alerts:
  - '[VPS Bunker Alerts 2019](#)'
  - an [update](#) on the port situation in Yemen
  - '[Western Indian Ocean - New High Risk Area](#)'
- **The Shipowner's Club** – has published an update entitled '[US increases pressure on Venezuela and Petroleos de Venezuela S.A.](#)'
- **The Standard Club** – has issued three web alerts:
  - '[France's proposed speed limit for ships](#)'
  - '[Tankers must cool decks during Panama Canal transits](#)'

- ['Singapore takes a tough stance on the enforcement of sulphur regulations'](#)
- **West of England P&I Club** – has released two news articles:
  - ['West Africa – Bagged Cargo Shortages due to Pilferage'](#)
  - ['Seafarer Desertion – The Club's Experience'](#)
- **The UK P&I Club** – has published two articles:
  - ['Lessons Learnt: Crew injured securing a tow'](#)
  - ['An Introduction to China Marine Oil Pollution Laws and SPRO Contract'](#).

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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **The Australian Maritime Safety Authority** – has released its ['2018 Port State Control Report'](#)
- **IACS** - has issued its ['2018 Annual Review'](#)
- **The Standard Club** – has published two FAQ documents on the IMO 2020 Sulphur Cap. The first covers [charterparties](#) and the second, [scrubbers](#)
- **The USCG** - has issued its 17th BWMS Type Approval Certificate. An [updated list has been published](#).

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany** – The BSU has released an investigation [report](#) on the allision between the offshore supply vessel 'Vos Stone' and a wind turbine. It was found that the Master had decided to test the ship's emergency control system at an inappropriate time, and subsequent communication and management on the bridge was poor.
- **New Zealand** – The TAIC has released an investigation [report](#) into an incident in which the passenger vessel 'Seabourn Encore' broke away from the wharf at Timaru and collided with the bulk cement carrier 'Milburn Carrier II'. It was found that a number of mooring bollards failed when the wind changed, which resulted in the breaking of the remaining mooring lines.

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## Recent IMO Circulars

- **LL.10/Circ.78 – 05/04/19** – PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966 [View Circular.](#)
- **HKSRC.1/Circ.10 – 05/04/19** – HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009 [View Circular.](#)
- **HKSRC.1/Circ.11 – 05/04/19** – HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009 [View Circular.](#)
- **SN.1/Circ.232/Add.2 – 05/04/19** – SAFETY OF NAVIGATION [View Circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/17/3 – 04/04/19** – ANY OTHER BUSINESS. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/5/27 – 04/04/19** – AIR POLLUTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/5/28 – 04/04/19** – AIR POLLUTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/10/9 – 03/04/19** – POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/6/3 – 03/04/19** – FURTHER TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL MEASURES FOR ENHANCING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/5/26 – 03/04/19** – AIR POLLUTION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/7/19 – 03/04/19** – REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS. [View](#)

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- **MSC 101/13 – 03/04/19** – POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/10/11 – 03/04/19** – POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. [View circular.](#)
- **SN.1/Circ.182/Add.1 – 02/04/19** – RECOGNITION OF THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM STANDARD POSITIONING SERVICE (GPS-SPS) AS A COMPONENT OF THE WORLD-WIDE RADIONAVIGATION SYSTEM. [View circular.](#)
- **MSC 101/11/1 – 29/03/19** – NAVIGATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE. [View circular.](#)
- **MSC 101/4/2 – 29/03/19** – MEASURES TO ENHANCE MARITIME SECURITY. [View circular.](#)
- **MEPC 74/7/11 – 29/03/19** – REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS. [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 – N0x 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
- Amendments to Part B of the STCW Code (MSC.455(100)) – effective 01/01/19

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

- 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
- Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III) 1-5 July - 6th session
- IMO Council - 15-19 July - 122nd session
- Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC) 9-13 September - 6th session

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