



## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **Liberia** – has released a new maritime security advisory entitled '[Security Level II - For Vessels Transiting the HRA Southern Red Sea, Gulf Of Aden, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – has issued a new marine safety advisory entitled '[MARAD – GPS Interference in Eastern Mediterranean and Red Seas](#)'.
- **Panama** – has updated two circulars:
  - '[Companies Representing the Flag State Inspectors](#)'
  - '[Approved service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear](#)'.
- **Singapore** – has released a new port marine circular entitled '[Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Revokes Southernpec \(Singapore\) Pte Ltd's Bunker Craft Operator Licence](#)'.
- **Hong Kong** – has issued a new merchant shipping information note entitled '[Amendment to Merchant Shipping \(Prevention of Air Pollution\) Regulation \(Cap. 413P\)](#)'.
- **Cyprus** – has published a circular entitled '[Continuous Synopsis Record \(CSR\) Document](#)'.

### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** – has [announced](#) the release of their 2019 'Ballast Water Management Advisory', which will provide 'critical advice to owners in advance of the five-year window beginning September 2019, requiring retrofits of BWM systems on existing ships'.



### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released a circular entitled '[US Treasury Department Publishes a Framework for OFAC Compliance Commitments](#)'.
  - **SKULD** – has published an [article](#) on the carriage of wood pellets and the risk of fire related to this cargo.
  - **Japan P&I Club** – has issued their latest '[navigation warnings of the China Waters](#)'.
  - **North of England P&I** – has updated their loss prevention briefing '[Maritime Security: Western Indian Ocean](#)'.
  - **The Shipowners' Club** – has released a news alert entitled '[Canada ratifies the Wreck Removal Convention](#)'.
  - **The Standard Club** – has published three new web alerts:
    - '[Enclosed space entry concerns](#)'.
    - '[Drought forces further draft restrictions on the Panama Canal](#)'
    - '[Asian Gypsy Moth \(AGM\) - 2019 Risk Period](#)'.
  - **The Swedish Club** – has issued three new member alerts:
    - '[New U.S. sanctions against Iran](#)'
    - '[Cargo fires – the problem with self-heating](#)'
    - '[Major flooding on the Mississippi River](#)'.
  - **West of England P&I** – has released a [news alert](#) on the Asian Gypsy Moth.
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### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **GARD** – has released an article entitled '[Prepare crews for PSC spot sampling of ships' fuel](#)'.
- **IMO** – The IMO has [announced](#) that they have been granted observer status at the

Arctic Council.

- **OCIMF** – has published the April 2019 issue of their [newsletter](#).

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### Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany** – The BSU has recently released an investigation [report](#) on the grounding of the bulk carrier 'Glory Amsterdam' approximately 1.6nm north of the German North Sea island of Langeoog. It was found that the severe weather, considerable communication difficulties between the distressed vessel and the ETV dispatched to assist her, and problems with the 'Glory Amsterdam's' rudder were contributing factors in the incident.

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### Recent IMO Circulars

- **BWM.2/CIRC.71 – 15/04/19** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE

CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004 [View Circular](#).

- **MSC.4/Circ.263 – 15/04/19** – REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS [View Circular](#).
- **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 circular](#).
- **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](#).

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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
- 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

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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