

# Shipping Regulations & Guidance Your Weekly Update in Summary

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## Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **United Kingdom - Marine Guidance Note - Safety Signs and Signals**

The UK MCA has issued Marine Guidance Note 556 on the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 2001. The Note replaces MSN 1763. [Read more.](#)

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- **Norway - Circular - Vacuum packed immersion suits**

The Norwegian Maritime Authority has released circular RSV 13-2016 on vacuum packed immersion suits. The circular details the requirements for an immersion suit to be approved as per SOLAS Chapter

III. [Read more.](#)

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- **Norway - Circular - Passenger Ships**

The Norwegian Maritime Authority has released circular IC 1-2016 on passenger accommodation and universal design in passenger ships registered in the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS). [Read more.](#)

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- **United States - Marine Safety Alert - Life Jackets**

The USCG has published a new marine safety alert on inflatable life jackets entitled 'We're not inflating the importance of this message – check for problems before your life depends on it'. The alert reminds life jacket users of the importance of performing regular checks and maintenance on their equipment. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - Use and Maintenance of Non-Steel Wires**

The Marshall Islands has released a new marine notice on the 'Use and Maintenance of Non-Steel Wires/Falls on Yachts for Lifeboat/Rescue Boat/Life Raft Davits'. [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Technical Alert No 16-44 - Marine Safety Alert**

The Bahamas has issued an alert for marine safety concerning the latest IMCA Safety Flash. The alert summarises a fatal engine room fire on the *Arco Avon*, a near miss on welding in a no hot work zone and a fire in a vessel accommodation due to an overheating notebook computer. [Read more.](#)

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- **Denmark - Marine Order - Marine Equipment**

The Danish Maritime Authority has issued a marine order amending the previous marine order on marine equipment. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas - Class & Statutory News - IMO CCC3 overview**

Bureau Veritas has released a news report highlighting the main decisions of the recent meeting of the IMO Sub-Committee (SC) on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC). [Read more.](#)

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- **Bureau Veritas - Class & Statutory News - Concentrated Inspection Campaign**

Bureau Veritas has released a news report advising of the Port State Control (PSC) Concentrated Inspection Campaigns (CIC) of Antigua and Barbuda. [Read more.](#)

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- **DNV GL - Class Update - MRV Regulation**

DNV GL has issued revised guidance on preparing for the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Regulation. [Read more.](#)

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- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circular - Sulphur Content**

The Indian Register of Shipping has issued a new technical circular containing an update on regulations regarding sulphur content of fuel oil within Chinese domestic emission control areas (ECAs). [Read more.](#)

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- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert - EU Marine Equipment Directive**

LR has issued a statutory alert regarding a new EU Marine Equipment Directive, applicable to manufacturers of marine equipment to be fitted to ships flying an EU flag. [Read more.](#)

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- **Class NK - Technical Update - Chinese ECA**

Class NK has issued a technical update giving additional information regarding regulations on the sulphur content of fuel oil within the Port of Shenzhen. [Read more.](#)

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- **RINA - Marine Information Notice - Ballast Water**

The Registro Italiano Navale (RINA) has released a new marine information notice concerning the Ballast Water Management Convention entering into force on 8th September 2017. The notice concerns issuance of BWM certificates and the validity of ballast water management plans previously approved according to resolution A.868(20). [Read more.](#)

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- **Russian Maritime Register - Gas Rules**

The Russian Maritime Register of Shipping has issued revised 2016 'Rules for the Classification and Construction of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk' and for the 'Classification and Construction of Ships Carrying Compressed Natural Gas'. [Read more.](#)

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To view all recent Class Society Guidance, log in to [Shipping Regulations & Guidance.](#)

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## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - Loss Prevention**

The American Club has issued a new circular on loss prevention regarding machinery damage, primarily relating to main and auxiliary engines. [Read more.](#)

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- **Britannia - Cargo Securing Arrangements**

Britannia has issued an advisory article on the Indian Ocean Memorandum of Understanding (IOMOU) concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) on cargo securing arrangements. [Read more.](#)

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- **Shipowners' Club - Crew Health**

The Shipowners' Club has issued new guidance on crew health, in particular focusing on how to maintain a healthy weight at sea. [Read more.](#)

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- **Standard Club - Safety Standard**

The Standard Club has published a new 'Safety Standard' edition focusing on loss prevention, near miss reporting and improving hazard awareness. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Alert - Zika Virus**

The Swedish Club has issued an alert with follow up advice on the Zika Virus, in particular with regards to the Mosquito Eradication Certificate required from Singapore to the People's Republic of China. [Read more.](#)

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- **West of England - Loss Prevention**

The West of England P&I Club has issued new loss prevention advice regarding claims for bunker and fuel oil quality disputes. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Knowledge - Enclosed Space**

The UK P&I Club has released a brief knowledge article on enclosed space entry permits. It states that entry permits are still not being implemented correctly with regard to requirements for atmosphere testing following the 2016 SOLAS amendments. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Knowledge - Lifeboat Drills**

The UK P&I Club has released a brief knowledge article on how to ensure safety during lifeboat drills. [Read more.](#)

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## IMO Regulations Recently Entered into Force

- **SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 19 - In Force 01/07/16**

Cargo ships, other than tankers, of 50,000 gross tonnage and upwards constructed before 1st July 2013, not later than the first survey on or after 1st July 2016, must be fitted with an ECDIS if engaged in international voyages. [Read more.](#)

- **SOLAS Chapter VI & Regulation XI-1/9 - In Force 01/01/16**

Updated cargo information requirements regarding mandatory verification of the gross mass for cargo carried in containers (Chapter VI, regulation 2); addition of new regulation 7 to Chapter XI-1 – Atmosphere testing instrument for enclosed spaces; updated details of life-saving appliances in Records of Equipment for Cargo Ship Safety Forms C and E (appendix). [Read more.](#)

- **ESP Code Amendments - In Force 01/01/16**

The 2011 ESP Code on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers is amended by the addition of sections related to rescue and emergency response equipment, the addition of sections relating to the Ship Construction File (SCF) and updated requirements for cargo tank testing. [Read more.](#)

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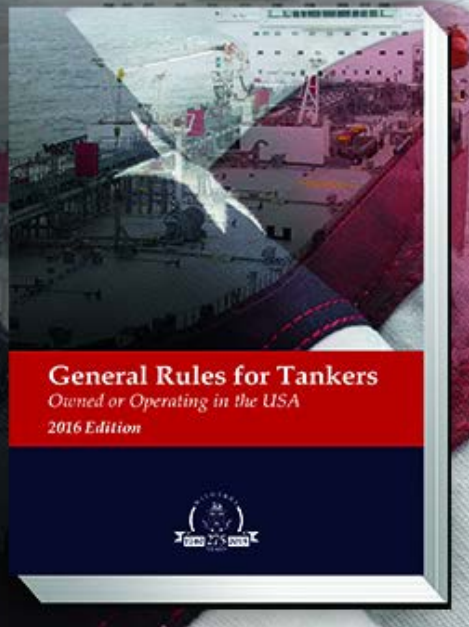
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## General Rules for Tankers

*Owned or Operating in the USA*

*2016 Edition*

General Rules for Tankers Owned or Operating in the USA contains the relevant tanker requirements from the 12,000 pages of information that make up the US Code of Federal Regulations applicable to Shipping.



## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO - New energy efficiency training guides available**

The IMO has announced that three new guides for strengthening effective implementation of IMO's energy efficiency regulations for ships were made available following the latest GloMEEP training project. [Read more.](#)

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- **News - Australia Flag of Convenience Investigation**

Australia has resumed a Senate inquiry into flag of convenience shipping. This follows the death of several seafarers in Australian waters and concerns for the welfare of seafarers generally. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Maritime Consultations**

The United Kingdom government currently has two open consultations in progress. These consultations are open until 12th October. The first is on a 'Consultation on the consolidation of the Merchant Shipping (Hours of Work) Regulations 2002 and amendments' ([read more](#)) and the second is a consultation on 'UK Market Surveillance for Marine Equipment' ([read more](#)).

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- **United Kingdom - Dangerous Goods (DG)**

The UK MCA has published an updated Dangerous Goods (DG) Declaration Note, in accordance with the model Multimodal Dangerous Goods Form as given in Chapter 5.4 of IMDG Code (amendment 37-14). [Read more.](#)

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- **News - Paris Agreement may enter into force soon**

The Paris Agreement on climate change is close to entering into force following recent ratification by a number of countries, bringing the total to 60 states. The UN expect it to reach the required number of states soon. [Read more.](#)

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- **EU - Hazardous Materials Database**

The European Maritime Safety Agency has published a new user manual for its Central Hazmat Database (CHD). The CHD is available through the EMSA Maritime Applications Portal. [Read more.](#)

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## IMO Recent Circulars

- **CT/AGR2012.1/Circ.7 - 19/09/16**

CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TORREMOLINOS PROTOCOL OF 1993 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SAFETY OF FISHING VESSELS, 1977. [View Circular.](#)

- **CLC.6/Circ.78 - 19/09/16**

PROTOCOL OF 1992 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 1969. [View Circular.](#)

- **BWM.1/Circ.38 - 15/09/16**

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

- **COMSAR.1/Circ.51/Rev.8 - 15/09/16**

LIST OF NAVAREA COORDINATORS. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.4/Circ.238 - 15/09/16**

REPORTS ON ACTS OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS. [View Circular.](#)

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **United Kingdom - Interim Accident Report - Collision**

The UK MAIB has issued an interim report on the collision between the cargo ship *Daroja* and the bunker barge *Erin Wood*. [Read more.](#)

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- **Denmark - Accident Report - *Umoe Ventus***

The Danish Maritime Accident Investigation Board has published their September accident report. This edition looks at the fire that occurred onboard the *Umoe Ventus* on 23 December 2015. [Read more.](#)

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- **France - BBC Accident Report - *Harmony of the Seas***

The BBC has reported that there has been one fatality and four injuries during a safety exercise involving a lifeboat from the cruise ship *Harmony of the Seas*. [Read more.](#)

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- **Norway - Accident Investigation Branch (AIBN) - Marine Reports**

The Norwegian AIBN has published accident investigation report 11 of 2016. It concerns the marine casualty onboard the fishing vessel *Jan Bjørn*. [Read more.](#)

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- **Malta - Safety Investigation Report - *Barzan***

The Maltese Safety Investigation Unit (MSIU) has published an accident report on the *Barzan*, a container ship that suffered a fire in its cargo hold in September 2015. [Read more.](#)

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

- Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) (LC) - 19th to 23rd Sept - 38th meeting
- Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) (LP) - 19th to 23rd Sept - 11th meeting
- Technical Cooperation Committee - 10th to 12th Oct - 66th meeting
- IOPC Funds - 17th to 21st Oct
- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) - 24th to 28th Oct - 70th session
- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 21st to 25th Nov - 97th session

- Council - 5th to 9th Dec - 117th session

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