

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

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- **Australia - Bulletin - Maritime Safety Awareness**

The Australian Maritime Safety Agency (AMSA) has published a bulletin to improve safety awareness. The bulletin focuses on safe operations and work over the ship's side and at height. [Read more.](#)

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- **Singapore - Port Marine Circular - Zika**

The Marine Port Authority of Singapore has issued a port marine circular on the Zika Virus. A list of fumigation and vector control services are contained in the document. [Read more.](#)

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- **Liberia - Marine Advisory - Cargo Securing**

Liberia has issued a new marine advisory on the Concentrated Inspecting Campaign on Cargo Securing Arrangements regarding the quantity of securing devices. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - Fees & Charges**

The Marshall Islands has released a revised marine notice with their consolidated list of fees and charges for official documents and services. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular - ISSC**

Panama has issued a revised marine circular containing procedures and rates for the issuance of the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC), including details of their online procedure. [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Technical Alert No 16-45 - Marine Safety Alert**

The Bahamas has issued a Technical Alert in regards to Safety Forum Safety Alert 19 of 2016. The alert raises safety issues from dropped and falling objects. [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Technical Alert No 16-46 - Atmosphere Testing**

The Bahamas has issued a new technical alert regarding atmosphere testing instruments in order to explain the requirements as required by SOLAS XI-1 Regulation 7, which was effective July 2016. [Read more.](#)

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## Lifeboat Release & Retrieval Systems (LRRS)

The Witherby Publishing Group has produced a [guidance article](#) for subscribers to Shipping Regulations and Guidance. It includes a detailed summary of the regulations and guidance on LRRS including on-load release mechanisms. Marine accidents involving lifeboats from the past 20 years are examined. Guidance is given on how lifeboat operations can be carried out safely. An extract is given below.

"Accidents involving survival and rescue craft are a continuing source of concern within the maritime industry. Various regulatory amendments have been made in recent years, many of which have addressed on-load release mechanisms in an attempt to prevent further occurrences. However, recent lifeboat accidents on board the '*Harmony of the Seas*' in September 2016 (one dead, four injured) and on board the '*Norwegian Breakaway*' in July 2016 (one dead, three injured) show that fatal accidents are continuing to occur, commonly during training and drills. Accidents have involved not just the hooks themselves, but also the entire lifeboat release and retrieval system (LRRS), including the wires, as well as unsound procedures followed by those involved."

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS - Guidance - Subchapter M**

ABS has produced a guide to assist vessel owners in complying with the Subchapter M requirements of the US Code. [Read more.](#)

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- **Indian Register of Shipping - Technical Circular - Maritime Claims**

The Indian Register of Shipping has issued a new technical circular on Malaysia regarding the Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims 1976 Treaty, as amended by Protocol 1996. [Read more.](#)

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- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert - Cargo Securing**

LR has issued a statutory alert regarding inspections of cargo securing arrangements due to a number of concentrated inspection campaigns (CICs) being carried out by several port state control (PSC) MOU regions. [Read more.](#)

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- **Class NK - Technical Update - MSC 96**

Class NK has issued a technical update giving a summary of the outcomes of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) 96th session that took place in May 2016. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Gard - Insight - Singapore Bunker Contract**

Gard has issued a new insight article on the Singapore Court of Appeal clarification regarding bunker supply contracts. [Read more.](#)

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- **Gard - Alert - Egyptian Wheat Cargoes**

Gard has issued a new alert to inform of the recent decision by Egypt to reinstate the 0.05 per cent tolerance level for ergot in wheat cargoes. [Read more.](#)

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- **Japan P&I - Loss Prevention - Engines**

Japan P&I has released a new loss prevention bulletin regarding engine troubles on vessels. It includes preventive measures against damage to port facilities, cargoes and the marine environment due to human error. [Read more.](#)

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- **North of England P&I - Circular - Libyan Ports**

The North of England P&I Club has issued a revised circular on the current status of ports in Libya. This includes a list of closed and open ports. [Read more.](#)

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- **Shipowners' Club - Guide to the IMCA**

The Shipowners' Club has issued a new summary detailing the facts and figures of the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA). [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Safety Alert - Turbochargers**

The Swedish Club has issued an alert regarding a safety hazard associated with ABB turbochargers of the type A100-M radial. [Read more.](#)

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- **Steamship Mutual - News - ICS Survey**

Steamship Mutual has released a news article on the subject of the current International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) worldwide survey of pilotage, towage and mooring services. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Knowledge - Cyber Fraud**

The UK P&I Club has released a brief knowledge bulletin with regards to cyber fraud prevention and electronic financial payments. [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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## Other News

- **News - US Shale Gas Tanker Arrives in UK**

The gas carrier 'JS Ineos Insight' arrived in the United Kingdom carrying the first exported shipment of US shale gas. It is stated that the vessel had a cargo of 27,500m<sup>3</sup> of ethane. The vessel arrived on Tuesday 27th September, but was unable to berth at Grangemouth until Wednesday afternoon due to strong winds. The vessel passed underneath the Forth Bridges on its passage as shown in the photographs above.

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- **US NTSB - VTS Study**

The US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has issued a press release on a safety study addressing the effectiveness of their vessel traffic service. [Read more.](#)

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## IMO Recent Circulars

- **NWRC.1/Circ.27 - 28/09/16**

NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007. [View Circular.](#)

- **LLMC.2/Circ.15 - 28/09/16**

CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC.1/Circ.1503/Corr.1 - 28/09/16**

ECDIS – GUIDANCE FOR GOOD PRACTICE- Corrigendum. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC 38/J/8 - 22/09/16**

DRAFT TEXT PROVIDED BY GERMANY. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC 38/J/6 - 21/09/16**

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF WORK GROUP ON STATEMENT TO COMBAT MARINE LITTER. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC 38/J/5 - 20/09/16**

VISION: A PROSPEROUS WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN REGION WITH HEALTHY RIVERS, COASTS AND OCEANS. [View Circular.](#)

- **LC 38/J/1 - 20/09/16**

PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS. [View Circular.](#)

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **Hong Kong - Grounding**

The Hong Kong Marine Department has issued a Merchant Shipping Information Note on the grounding of a vessel that anchored in Antofagasta, Chile. The crew relied solely on the GPS to confirm their position. [Read more.](#)

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- **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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- **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

- 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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