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## Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **United Kingdom - Marine Information Note - Food and Catering**

The UK MCA has issued Marine Information Note (MIN) 531 on the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 with regards to food and catering. The MIN covers recognised qualifications in food hygiene or food safety in catering for ships' cooks and others who process food in the galley. [Read more.](#)

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- **Australia - Marine Notice - Heaving Lines**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has issued a new marine notice on the improper use of weighted heaving lines. It highlights the dangers of using weighted heaving lines when transferring mooring lines to tugs and shore personnel. [Read more.](#)

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- **United States - Safety Alert - Smartphone Safety**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert appropriately entitled 'Heed This Call! Samsung Galaxy Note 7 Smartphone Safety Recall'. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - MLC**

The Marshall Islands has released a marine notice on the maximum period of shipboard service for seafarers under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006. [Read more.](#)

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- **Bahamas - Bulletin - MLC**

The Bahamas has issued a bulletin with regards to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and the application of the financial security provisions. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Lloyd's Register - Alert Reissue - MLC**

Lloyd's Register has reissued a statutory alert on amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 on financial security – entry into force. The alert has been amended because a number of flags have confirmed that they intend to implement the resolution adopted at the meeting of the special tripartite committee in 2014. [Read more.](#)

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- **Class NK - Technical Alert**

Class NK has issued a technical alert advising that draft amendments have been released for their rules and guidance. [Read more.](#)

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## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **SKULD - Advisory - Non-Return Valves**

SKULD has issued an advisory on non-return valves located in bilges on ships. They advise ensuring that a proper check-list is in place for regular inspection to take place on non-return valves, in order to prevent cargo loss. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Standard Club - Alert - Bulk Cargoes**

The Standard Club has issued an alert on the implications of the legal ruling in 'The Aqasia', with regards to the limitation in Article IV Rule 5 of 'The Hague Rules' not applying to bulk cargoes. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Legal Update - Australia**

The UK P&I Club has issued a legal update on the circumstances in which Australian admiralty law recognises a foreign maritime lien, as a result of the full Federal court decision relating to 'Sam Hawk'. [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 01/07/16**

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 01/07/16**

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 Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **United Kingdom - Open Consultation - Port Reception Facilities**

The UK MCA has issued an open consultation with regards to the implementation of EU Directive 2015/2087, by means of the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. The draft documents are available for viewing. [Read more.](#)

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- **IMO - Panama - BWM Convention**

The IMO has announced that Panama has acceded to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments. The total tonnage covered by the Treaty is now 53.28%, with 53 Contracting Parties. [Read more.](#)

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- **IMO - MEPC - Frequently Asked Questions**

The Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 70) meets next week in London. The IMO has released a document with frequently asked questions on IMO air pollution reduction regulations and on the upcoming review of fuel oil availability, which will be among the topics discussed at the meeting. [Read more.](#) A press release with information on MEPC 70 is also available [here.](#)

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- **Transas - Call for Cyber Regulations**

Transas has issued a warning that calls for the IMO to create new standards of regulatory compliance with regards the communication connections between ship and shore. They warn that a failure to do so could enable a significant cyber security risk to exist. [Read more.](#)

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## IMO Recent Circulars

- **AFS.1/Circ.66 - 18/10/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001. [View Circular.](#)

- **MSC/Circ.834 - 12/10/16**

GUIDELINES FOR ENGINE-ROOM LAYOUT, DESIGN AND ARRANGEMENT. \*1998 document [View Circular.](#)

- **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.](#)

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## Recent Accident Reports

- **UK - Accident Investigation Report - 'Karen'**

The UK MAIB has published an accident investigation report on the collision between the stern trawler 'Karen' and a dived Royal Navy submarine that occurred in April 2015. The safety recommendations of the report highlighted the need for the Royal Navy to review the procedures and training for the safe conduct of submarine operations in the vicinity of fishing vessels. [Read more.](#)

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- **Germany - Interim Investigation Report - 'FRISIA V'**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has issued an interim investigation report on the collision of the ferry 'FRISIA V' with the quay in Norddeich on 16 June 2015. [Read more.](#)

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- **New Zealand - 'Madinah'**

The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission has published a new report on the containership 'Madinah' with regards to the loss of a person overboard in Lyttelton Harbour entrance. [Read more.](#)

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- **US - Marine Accident Brief - 'Gayle Force'**

The US National Transportation Safety Board has published a new accident brief on an allision of the



barge 'Gayle Force', that was under tow by the tugboat 'Simone', with the Norfolk Southern Bridge number 7 [Read more.](#)

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

- 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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