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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO - MEPC - Sulphur Emissions**

On Thursday this week at IMO MEPC 70 in London, the IMO agreed to accept the reduction of global sulphur emissions to 0.50%, to enter into force on 1st January 2020.

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- **Lloyd's List - News - MEPC**

This article provides further information on the IMO's decision to set a date of 2020 for a 0.5% cap of global sulphur emissions. [Read more.](#)

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- **IMO - MEPC - Media Information**

The Maritime Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 70) is currently in session in London. The IMO has released a document detailing areas of particular interest to media, such as the implementation of the BWM Convention, as well as general information. [Read more.](#) A full timetable of the week's meetings is also available. [Read more.](#)

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- **Seatrade Maritime News - BIMCO - Cyber Security**

Bimco has revealed recent findings which show that the scale of the cyber-security threat against shipping is unknown, with as many as 50% of worldwide shipping companies unaware that they have been the victim of an attack. Bimco's findings also highlight the vulnerability of navigational systems such as ECDIS to hackers. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Department for Transport - European Maritime Safety Agency**

The UK Government has decided not to opt-in to the JHA content in the proposal for the establishment of a European Maritime Safety Agency, citing concerns over the ability of member states to deal with the recent migratory crisis in a coordinated manner. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Technical Alert - Safety Flash and Alert**

The Bahamas has issued two technical alerts this week. The first highlights marine safety forum alerts 16-24 and 16-25. [Read more.](#) The second advises the latest IMCA Safety Flash. [Read more.](#)

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- **Liberia - Marine Advisory - Ballast Water Management**

The Republic of Liberia has issued a marine advisory notice on the entry into force of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention). [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular - Private Security**

Panama has issued a revised marine circular on multiple accreditation for private security companies. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Circular - Convention Certificates**

Panama has issued a revised marine circular on the issuing of exemption, conditionals and short term or provisional certificates. [Read more.](#)

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- **Panama - Marine Notice - Private Security**

Panama has issued a new marine notice on the requirements and obligations of private maritime security companies. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - Marine Information Note - Seafarer's Employment Agreements**

The UK MCA has issued marine information note (MIN) 529 on the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, regarding seafarer's employment agreements. The MIN includes an update to MGN 477 (M) issued in July 2014 with regards to workplace harassment and bullying. [Read more.](#)

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- **United States - Safety Alert - Steering Gear Alarms**

The USCG has issued a marine safety alert entitled 'Be alarmed by all alarms. Correct Steering Gear and Other Nuisance Alarms Immediately.' [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **China Classification Society - Rules and Guidelines - Marine Products**

The China Classification Society has issued amendments to the guidelines for the survey of marine products, which come into effect on 31/10/16. [Read more.](#)

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- **DNV GL - Technical and Regulatory News - New Requirements**

DNV GL has issued a document that provides details of PSC Concentrated Inspections Campaigns and outlines the new MLC, STCW, Polar Code requirements. It gives advice on how management systems can best be utilised to deal with changes effectively. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club - Circular - Cuba**

The American Club has issued a circular providing further guidance on the US embargo of Cuba with regards to the 180 day prohibition waiver. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Britannia Steamship Insurance Association LTD - News - Cargoes**

The Britannia Steamship Insurance Association has released two pieces of cargo-related news this week. The first gives guidance for the loading of nickel ore in the Philippines. [Read more.](#) The second advises on the dangers of combustible polymeric beads. [Read more.](#)

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- **Gard - Alert - Singapore**

Gard has issued an alert on new bunkering procedures for ships taking deliveries of marine fuel oil in Singapore. [Read more.](#)

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- **Gard - Update - Loss Prevention**

Gard has issued a document detailing the importance of inspections when loading soya bean cargoes to avoid heat damage. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Standard Club - Web Alert - Lebanon**

The Standard Club has issued a web alert warning of the Lebanese Public Health Ministry's recently imposed harsh regulations against all food sectors, including cargo entering the country. The new regulations are resulting in cargo receivers refusing to take delivery of damaged cargo (including wheat) even when they have been guaranteed payment of the destruction costs. [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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IMO Recent Circulars

- **PMP.1/Circ.210 - 21/10/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO OPTIONAL ANNEX IV. [View Circular.](#)

- **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.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia - Transport Safety Bureau - 'Maersk Garonne'**

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has published an accident investigation report into the grounding of the 'Maersk Garonne' during its passage into Freemantle Harbour, WA on 28 February 2015. [Read more.](#)

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- **Norway - Accident Investigation Branch - MS 'Starkad'**

The Norwegian Accident Investigation Branch has published an accident investigation report on the capsizing of the MS 'Starkad' close to Fitjarvika, Stord on 22 February 2016, which resulted in a fatality. [Read more.](#)

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- **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, which 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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- **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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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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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