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IMO MEPC 70 - Environmental Regulation Update

From the 24th to the 28th October the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) met for its 70th session at the IMO headquarters in London. Air emissions, fuel standards, the Polar regions and the Ballast Water Management Convention were among the subjects discussed.

Technical Advisors from the Witherby Publishing Group attended to hear the Committee in session. A professional summary of the week's events is available at the link below.

Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Bahamas - Bulletin - Inspections**

The Bahamas has released a revised technical bulletin on their Flag State inspections. These concern the initial and annual inspections' procedures. A list of certificates required for inspection is attached as an Annex to the document. [Read more.](#)

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- **Malta - Information Notice - Extinguisher Powders**

The Merchant Shipping Directorate of Malta has issued an information notice regarding the use of sodium bicarbonate in firefighting powder. They advise that such extinguisher powders do not comply with IMO instruments and recommend corrective action. [Read more.](#)

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- **Singapore - Shipping Circular - Radio Regulations**

The Marine Port Authority of Singapore has issued a new shipping circular on the implementation of amendments to radio regulations. These concern the revised maritime frequencies and channeling arrangements. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - M Notice - Maritime Labour Convention**

The UK MCA has issued Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) 1839 on the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), with regards to medical certification. It replaces MSN 1822. [Read more.](#)

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- **United Kingdom - M Notice - Electromagnetic Fields**

The UK MCA has issued Marine Guidance Note (MGN) 559 on the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Electromagnetic Fields) Regulations 2016. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

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

The China Classification Society (CCS) has issued further amendments to the guidelines for the survey of marine products, which come into effect on 01/01/17. [Read more.](#)

Issued 28/10/2016.

- **DNV GL - Technical News - Electronic Signatures**

DNV GL has issued an advisory that they are introducing electronic signatures for fleet in-service documents. These will conform with International Maritime Organization (IMO) FAL.5/Circ.39/Rev.2 (Guidelines for the use of electronic certificates). [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD - Update - Cyber Security**

GARD has released an 'insight' update on cyber security awareness in the maritime industry. It looks at types of attacks, the risks, the consequences and the steps to mitigation. [Read more.](#)

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- **Shipowners' Club - Advice - Loading Oil**

The Shipowners' Club has published new loss prevention advice on the precautions necessary when loading oil on board ships. They advise on the high level of care required to mitigate against the risk of pollution. [Read more.](#)

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- **SKULD - Advice - Stowaways**

SKULD has issued urgent advice on stowaways in ports in South Africa. They advise that in most cases the liability for costs for the return of the stowaway will fall to the shipowner. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Risk Focus - Paint**

The UK P&I Club has issued a risk focus document on paint. Coatings are discussed with regard to application, lifetime and failure. The importance of surface preparation is highlighted. The paints for different spaces are also discussed. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Legal Briefing - Antarctic**

The UK P&I Club has issued a legal briefing document on the Antarctic Treaty and its environment protocol, concerning liabilities that arise from environmental emergencies. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **United Kingdom - Port Marine Safety**

The UK Government has issued an update for the Port Marine Safety Code. The Code sets out the national standard for port marine safety in order to enhance safety for everyone working in the port marine environment. It applies to all harbour authorities, marine facilities, berths and terminals in the UK. [Read more.](#)

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- **EMSA - World Fleet Statistics**

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has issued its annual report from Equasis which consists of the global statistics for merchant shipping. It advises that in 2015 there was a global total of 87,233 ships, which together comprised 1,210,422,000 gross tonnage. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **UK - Accident Investigation Reports**

The UK MAIB has published three accident investigation reports on separate incidents on board the fishing ships '[Apollo](#)', '[Harvester](#)' and '[Annie T](#)'. Each accident entailed loss of life. The reports highlight the paramount importance of wearing lifejackets while working on the decks of small ships.

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- **Germany - 'Thetis D'**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation (BSU) has released a report on the fire and subsequent serious engine damage which occurred on board the container vessel 'Thetis D', in 2015, in the Kiel Bight. [Read more.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **MSC.4/Circ.240 - 01/11/16**

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

- **MSC.4/Circ.239 - 01/11/16**

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

- **BWM.1/Circ.39 - 31/10/16**

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

- **CSI.1/Circ.97 - 28/10/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION RELATING TO INTERVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS IN CASES OF OIL POLLUTION CASUALTIES, 1969. [View Circular.](#)

- **PSI.1/Circ.60 - 28/10/16**

PROTOCOL RELATING TO INTERVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS IN CASES OF POLLUTION BY SUBSTANCES OTHER THAN OIL, 1973, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

- **MEPC 70/J/1 - 26/10/16**

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

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) - 21st to 25th November 2016 - 97th session
- Council - 5th to 9th December 2016 - 117th session
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) - 16th to 20th January 2017
- Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW) 30th January - 03 February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) 13th - 17th February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and SAR (NCSR) 6th to 10th March 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE) 20th to 24th March 2017

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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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