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IMO MSC 97 - Safety Update

From the 21st to 25th November 2016 the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) met for its 97th session at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) headquarters in London. The safe carriage of industrial personnel, the need to enhance maritime security, amendments to SOLAS and the further development of goal based standards guidelines 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.

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Recent Flag State Regulation and Guidance Updates

- **Denmark - Order - Shipowners' Liability**

The Danish Maritime Authority has published a marine order on insurance or other permissible security requirements for covering a shipowner's liability towards seafarers and the Master in case of breach of their employment relationship. [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - IGF Code**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator has released an advisory on the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code). [Read more.](#)

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- **Marshall Islands - Marine Notice - LRIT**

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator has released an update notice to provide a regulatory overview and clarification of Long-Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) requirements. [Read more.](#)

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- **Singapore - Shipping Circular - Electronic Certificates**

The Maritime Port Authority (MPA) of Singapore has released a new shipping circular on the use of electronic certificates on-board Singapore flagged vessels. [Read more.](#)

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- **USA - Bulletin - Oil Spill Response**

The USCG has a Marine Safety Information Bulletin on their Response Resource Inventory and Oil Spill Removal Organization (OSRO) Guidelines update. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **IRClass - Technical Circular - Destination in AIS**

The Indian Register has released a technical circular containing guidance on the use of the UN/LOCODE in the destination field in AIS messages. [Read more.](#)

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- **Korean Register of Shipping - Technical Information - Radio**

The Korean Register of Shipping has released a technical information notice on guidance on the validity of radio communication equipment, with regards to updates following MSC 97. [Read more.](#)

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- **Lloyd's Register - Statutory Alert - IMDG Code**

Lloyd's Register has released a statutory alert highlighting amendment 38 - 16 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. This will enter into force on 1 January 2018, with voluntary application from 1 January 2017, and includes many technical and editorial changes to the Code's operational requirements. [Read more.](#)

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD - Alert - Magnetic Compass**

GARD has issued an alert on the maintenance and adjustment of magnetic compasses, highlighting that a failure to maintain a magnetic compass in good working order, or to monitor deviations frequently, may result in a vessel being delayed or detained. [Read more.](#)

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- **Shipowners' Club - News - Maritime Claims**

The Shipowners' Club has published a news article on the limits of a shipowner's liability for a maritime claim in the UK having now risen by 51%, as the amended 1996 Protocol to the Convention on Liability for Maritime Claims 1976 (LLMC) entered into force on the 30th November 2016. [Read more.](#)

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- **SKULD - Information - MLC 2006**

SKULD has released an information page on the amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) and the subsequent certificates under financial security requirements of MLC, entering into force in January 2017. [Read more.](#)

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- **The Swedish Club - Alert - Safety Scenario**

The Swedish Club has issued an alert on its monthly safety scenario for December. [Read more.](#)

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- **UK P&I Club - Knowledge Article - China**

The UK P&I Club has issued a knowledge article on China and the application of their regional emission control area (ECA) requirements which take effect on 1st January 2017. [Read more.](#)

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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMCA - Safety Flash**

The International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) has issued Safety Flash 32 for 2016. The safety flash covers cargo handling and lifting incidents. [Read more.](#)

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- **IMarEST - News**

The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) has issued a news article advising that the UK's European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC), based in Orkney, and Canada's Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) have begun a joint project assessing the difference in corrosion and underwater behaviour of marine coatings in the Atlantic Ocean. [Read more.](#)

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- **USCG - Polar Code**

The USCG Blog has provided a brief overview article on the Polar Code, which enters into force in January 2017. [Read more.](#)

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia - Transport Safety Bureau - Marine Safety Investigations**

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The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has recently published an accident report on the fatality on board the offshore support vessel (OSV) 'Skandi Pacific'. The vessel was loading cargo containers from an oil rig off the Pilbara Coast, Western Australia, when a crew member became trapped between the moving containers and suffered fatal crush injuries. The report highlights the risks associated with the use of vessels with open sterns. [Read more.](#)

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- **Germany - Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation - Interim Investigation Report**

The German Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation has recently published an interim investigation report on the collision on the Lower Elbe between the general cargo vessels MV 'Eendracht' and MV 'Transcapricorn'. The incident resulted in a serious marine casualty. [Read more.](#)

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- **New Zealand - TAIC - Marine Occurrence Report**

The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Committee has published a new report on the bulk log carrier 'Mount Hikurangi', with regards to a crew fatality during a cargo securing operation. [Read more.](#)

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IMO Recent Circulars

- **STCW.2/Circ.69 - 30/11/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

- **STCW.2/Circ.68 - 30/11/16**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978, AS AMENDED. [View Circular.](#)

- **SN.1/Circ.244/Rev.1 - 15/11/16**

GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF THE UN/LOCODE IN THE DESTINATION FIELD IN AIS MESSAGES. [View Circular.](#)

- **PMP.1/Circ.212 - 09/11/16**

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

- **HKSRC.1/Circ.6 - 09/11/16**

HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND RECYCLING OF SHIPS, 2009. [View Circular.](#)

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

- 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 to 3rd February 2017
- Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC) - 13th to 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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