



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 16, 2023 – Friday 21st April 2023

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has issued an amendment entitled '[MGN 394 \(M+F\) Amendment 1: Local supplier of fuel oil registration](#)'.
- **Panama** – has published a circular entitled '[Regulations of Maritime Labour Inspection and other provisions regarding life, work, accommodation, certification and endowment conditions of seafarers on board ships of Panamanian flag](#)'.
- **Singapore** – has issued four updates:
 - '[Port Marine Notice No. 30 of 2023 Repair Works on Floating Sea Barrier Off Sentosa](#)'
 - '[Port Marine Notice No. 31 of 2023 Supply and Delivery of Sand at Changi East Deposition Area \(CEDA\)](#)'
 - '[Port Marine Notice No. 32 of 2023 Maintenance Work at Shell Single Buoy Mooring](#)'
 - '[Port Marine Notice No. 33 of 2023 Repair Works on Pontoon at Pulau Seringat](#)'.
- **Hong Kong** – has issued one amendment entitled '[Amendments to MARPOL Annexes I and II and the IBC Code](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **China Classification Society** – has published a document entitled '[Technical Guidelines for Data Exchange of Ship Digital Survey 2023](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released a Technical Circular entitled '[Guidance for recording entries in the Ballast Water Record Book](#)'.

- **Lloyd's Register** – has published an update entitled '[Amendments to MARPOL Annex I - Prohibition on the use and carriage for use as fuel of heavy fuel oil by ships in Arctic waters](#)'.
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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released two member alerts:
 - '[Good Catch Update: Incident Damages Captain's Pride \(COLREGS\)](#)'
 - '[Notice to Mariners: Waters Around Taiwan](#)'.
 - **GARD** – has issued an update '[Slow down for right whales along the North American East Coast](#)'.
 - **West** – has issued three news articles:
 - '[Sudan - Disruption and Closure of the Port of Port Sudan](#)'
 - '[Biosecurity - Insect Infestation on Ships](#)'
 - '[AIS Assisted Collisions](#)'.
 - **SKULD** – has issued two articles:
 - '[A vessel's preparation before crude oil loading](#)'
 - '[Guidelines on carriage of lithium-ion batteries in containers](#)'.
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Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA** – has released their [RPAS survey questionnaire](#) for maritime authorities in the EU and EFTA 2023.
 - **UK P&I** – has published a new Lesson Learnt with [Death of an Engine Rating](#).
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Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** – Transport Malta has released a [safety investigation report](#) into the fire in a cargo container on deck, on board the MV 'CMA CGM Rabelais'. The accident resulted in a serious injury to a crew member during the fire-fighting operation.
- **Ireland** – The Marine Casualty Investigation Board (MCIB) has released a [report](#) into the sinking of the FV 'Anna Louise' near Glengarriff Harbour, Bantry Bay, Co. Cork. The accident was caused by a wave coming over the stern flooding the boat. No injuries were reported.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC 107/3/7 – 20/04/2023** – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS.
- **MSC 107/2/4 – 20/04/2023** – DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES.
- **MSC 107/2/5 – 20/04/2023** – DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES.
- **PPR 10/J/4 – 19/04/2023** – PROVISIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING, TECHNICAL AND DRAFTING GROUPS EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED DURING PPR 10.
- **PPR 10/J/6 – 19/04/2023** – BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SUMMARIES OF DOCUMENTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS 5, 14 AND 17 RELATING TO MARINE BIOSAFETY.
- **C 129/4(A)/2 – 19/04/2023** – STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM.
- **C 129/4(A)/1 – 19/04/2023** – STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM.
- **MSC 107/17/27 – 19/04/2023** – WORK PROGRAMME.
- **MSC 107/17/30 – 19/04/2023** – WORK PROGRAMME.
- **MSC 107/15/3 – 19/04/2023** – NAVIGATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE.

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended recently include:

- Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code as amended by resolution MSC.461(101) – Minimum requirements for thickness measurements at renewal surveys of double-hull oil tankers – effective 1 January 2023
- Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978 - New definition for “high-voltage” – effective 1 January 2023
- Amendments to Part A of the STCW Code – Inclusion of electro-technical officers in the definition of “operational level” – effective 1 January 2023
- Amendment to the AFS Convention – Control of AFS containing Cybutryne – effective 1 January 2023

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released a programme of meetings for 2023. Please see the IMO's ['Meeting Summaries'](#) webpage for more information.

- 24-28 April – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
- 08-17 May – Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
- 31 May - 09 June – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 26-30 June – Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG)
- 03-07 July – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 17-21 July – IMO Council
- 31 July - 04 August – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)
- 20-29 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 02-06 October – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 16-20 October – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
- 23-24 November – IMO Council
- 27 November - 06 December – IMO Assembly



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