



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 17, 2023 – Friday 28th April 2023

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has issued two amendments:
 - ['MGN 276 \(M+F\) Amendment 1: Fire protection - maintenance of portable fire extinguishers'](#)
 - ['MGN 374 \(M+F\) Amendment 1: Periodic inspection and testing of seamless steel pressurised gas cylinders'](#)
- **Australia** – has published a Marine Order entitled ['Marine Order 504 \(Certificates of operation and operation requirements — national law\) Amendment Order 2023'](#).
- **USA** – has issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin entitled ['Merchant Mariner Credentialing Delays'](#).
- **Liberia** – has issued a Marine Advisory entitled ['Guidance on the Continued Validity of VHF Radiocommunications Equipment Installed and Used on Ships and Other Vessels'](#).
- **Marshall Islands** – has produced three notices:
 - ['Implementation of Mandatory International Maritime Instruments'](#)
 - ['Entities Acting on Behalf of the Maritime Administrator and their Roles in Ensuring Compliance with Mandatory Instruments and National Regulations'](#)
 - ['Ballast Water Management'](#)
- **Singapore** – has published two circulars:

- ['APR \(Supplementary\) – Notices to Mariners No 25 to 26'](#)
 - ['Use of Automated Lanes to Sea Crew of all Nationalities'](#).
 - **Hong Kong** – has issued two information notices:
 - ['Knowledge of Hong Kong Maritime Legislation as required by Regulation I/10, paragraph 2 of STCW Convention'](#)
 - ['A fatal accident happened on board during lifting operation'](#).
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has published four documents:
 - ['BV Delivers an Approval in Principle to a New-Gen Offshore Access Gangway Facility'](#)
 - ['A*Star Establishes Centre for Maritime Digitalisation with Flagship Research Programme to Deploy AI Technologies in the Maritime Industry'](#)
 - ['Emergency Response Service \(ERS\)'](#)
 - ['Approval of Service Suppliers'](#).
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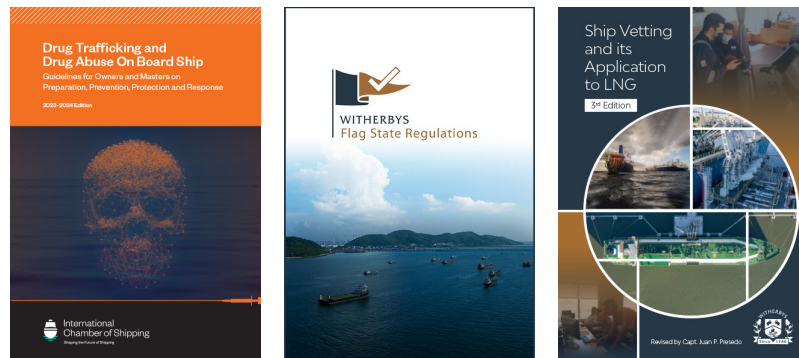
Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Japan P&I Club** – has released two member alerts:
 - ['USA – Increase in OPA 90 Limits of Liability'](#)
 - ['China - Qingdao and Shanghai Ports - Focus on Ships with Mechanical and Electrical Failures by PSCOs'](#).
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has released a bulletin entitled ['Contracting themes in offshore wind charters'](#).
- **The Swedish Club** – has issued a circular entitled ['War Risk Insurance 2023 - Notice of cancellation'](#).
- **West** – has issued two bulletins:
 - ['Disruption and Closure of the Port of Port Sudan \(Update\)'](#)
 - ['Poles Apart? An Introduction to the Regulation of Polar Shipping'](#).
- **UK P&I** – has released a member alert entitled ['Bulk cargo shortage claim in China'](#).
- **SKULD** – has issued two new articles:
 - ['Maritime security: 2022 year in review'](#)
 - ['Sudan: Update and maritime implications'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **EMSA** – has released their '[EMSA Facts & Figures 2022](#)'.
- **IIMS** – has published an evaluation of the [USCG PSC Report 2022](#).

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Recent Accident Reports

- **New Zealand** – The Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) has released a [safety investigation report](#) into the serious injury of a crew member on board the '*Moana Chief*' as it was leaving the Port of Auckland. As the telescopic accommodation ladder was being retrieved, a crew member's lower leg became trapped between the fixed upper ladder and the moving lower ladder, resulting in serious injury to their leg.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **MEPC 80/INF.7 – 24/04/2023 – HARMFUL AQUATIC ORGANISMS IN BALLAST WATER.**
- **MEPC 80/INF.11 – 24/04/2023 – HARMFUL AQUATIC ORGANISMS IN BALLAST WATER.**

- **MEPC 80/6/4 – 24/04/2023** – ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF SHIPS.
- **FAL.1/Circ.120 – 24/04/2023** – CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965, AS AMENDED.
- **MSC 107/3/6 – 24/04/2023** – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS.
- **MSC 107/6/4 – 24/04/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF SHIPS RELATING TO THE USE OF FUEL OIL.
- **MSC 107/6/3 – 24/04/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF SHIPS RELATING TO THE USE OF FUEL OIL.
- **MSC 107/6/5 – 24/04/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF SHIPS RELATING TO THE USE OF FUEL OIL.
- **MSC 107/17/29 – 24/04/2023** – WORK PROGRAMME.
- **VP.FOEIPPR2 – 24/04/2023** – Black carbon emissions from ships impacting the Arctic.

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.

- 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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