

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **USA** – has released a new bulletin entitled '[Conclusion of COVID-19 Public Health and National Emergencies](#)'.
- **Liberia** – has published an update entitled '[Guidance on implementation of MARPOL Annex VI 2020 Global Sulphur Limit](#)'.
- **Panama** – has released three new documents:
 - '[QUALSHIP 21 Program – United States Coast Guard \(USCG\)](#)'
 - '[Regulations of Maritime Labour Inspection and other provisions regarding life, work, accommodation, food, certification and manning conditions of seafarers on board ships of Panamanian flag](#)'
 - '[Regulations that regulates the Maritime Training Centres with head offices in the Republic of Panama or abroad, headquarters and/or branches, to whom the Panama Maritime Authority delegates the training of seafarers](#)'.
- **Isle of Man** – has updated three documents:
 - '[Inventory of Hazardous Materials - Asbestos](#)'
 - '[Radio Regulations – VHF Channels](#)'
 - '[Industrial Personnel Code](#)'.
- **Singapore** – has published two updates:
 - '[Key Shipping Division Contacts](#)'
 - '[Testing of Autonomous Underwater Vehicle \(AUV\) Off Tanah Merah](#)'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has released an update entitled '[New Report of 373 Pilot Projects Reveals Highly Collaborative Approach to Decarbonising Shipping](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD** – has released two new updates:
 - '[Wind Propulsion: Opportunities and New Risks](#)'
 - '[Stricter Immigration Controls for Seafarers Entering Brazil Now In Force](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I** – has released an update entitled '[Summary of the Distribution of Major Fishery Farms Along the Coast of China](#)'.
- **Japan P&I Club** – has released a new update entitled '[China Summary of the Distribution of Major Fishery Farms along the Coast of China](#)'.
- **UK P&I** – has released a circular entitled '[US Pollution Risks](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ReCAAP** – has released their '[Weekly Piracy Report](#)'.

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Germany** – The Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation has released an [Investigation Report](#) into a serious marine casualty on board the commercial sailing yacht 'SPEEDY GO' after the skipper fell overboard and drowned. The accident took place while the skipper was performing an unsuccessful sailing manoeuvre on the Flensburg Firth, on the border between Germany and Denmark.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **C 129/11 – 31/05/2023** – REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE.
- **MSC 107/WP.3/Add.1 – 31/05/2023** – HUMAN ELEMENT, TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING.
- **MSC 107/WP.7 – 31/05/2023** – NAVIGATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND SEARCH AND RESCUE(URGENT MATTERS EMANATING FROM THE TENTH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE).
- **NV.053 – 31/05/2023** – Draft amendments to the IMO Convention.
- **Circular Letter No.4690/Rev.1 – 31/05/2023** – IMO Ship Identification Number Format Extension Impact Assessment Survey.
- **LEG.1/Circ.13– 31/05/2023** – CLAIMS MANUAL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001.
- **C 129/15(d)– 30/05/2023** – EXTERNAL RELATIONS.
- **MEPC 80/7/13 – 30/05/2023** – REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS.
- **MSC 107/J/4 – 30/05/2023** – PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE DURING MSC 107 .
- **LEG 110/18/1 – 30/05/2023** – REPORT OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE ON THE WORK OF ITS 110TH SESSION.

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.

- 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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