

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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IMO - MEPC 80

Witherbys has produced a guidance document providing an overview of MEPC 80, which was held from 3rd to 7th July 2023 at the IMO in London. Key topics discussed in this session included:

- Adoption of the 2023 Revised IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships
- adoption of 'Guidelines on lifecycle GHG intensity of marine fuels' (LCA Guidelines)
- the draft Assembly resolution and comments on 'Consequences and concerns for the global marine pollution prevention and liability and compensation regimes relating to the increase in ship-to-ship transfers at sea' which will be sent to IMO Assembly 33 with a view to adoption.
- adoption of the revised '2023 Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials'
- the Committee adopted amendments to Appendix II of the BWM Convention concerning the form of the BWRB
- the adoption of the resolution designating a Particular Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) in the North-Western Mediterranean Sea.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **Norway** – has released two updates:
 - ['Instructions to Class 2-2017 Rev. 3'](#)
 - ['Dangerous product – AWG dual-purpose fire hose nozzle'](#).
- **Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Area to be avoided when passing off a previously declared restricted area on the Libyan coast'](#)
 - ['Requirements for Safe Mooring'](#).
- **Marshall Islands** – has released an update entitled ['Participation in the WMO Voluntary Observing Ships Scheme'](#).
- **Bahamas** – has published an update entitled ['Validation of Discharge Certificates'](#).
- **Isle of Man** – has released an advice notice entitled ['Liability Conventions – Nairobi Convention, CLC and Bunker Convention'](#).

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has released an update entitled ['MEPC 80 - 3 to 7 of July 2023'](#).
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has released two updates:
 - ['New European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine'](#)
 - ['Addendum No.2 to DGS Order 20 of 2022 Reg. Certification of Offshore Vessels, Accommodation Barges, etc. while operating in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone'](#).
- **Lloyd's Register** – has published an update entitled ['Initial Launch Tests of Lifeboats'](#).

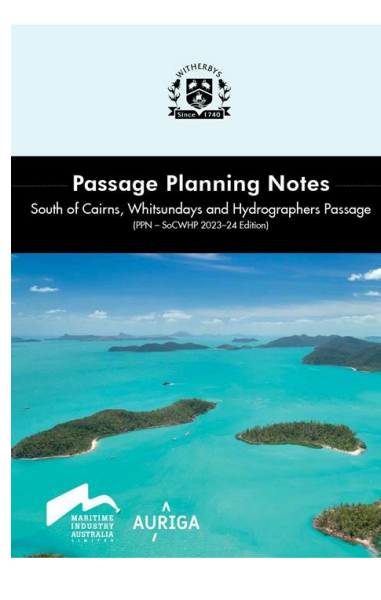
Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD** – has published two updates:
 - ['Beware cargoes which may liquefy not listed in the IMSBC Code'](#)
 - ['Making the case for nuclear power in shipping'](#).
- **Britannia P&I** – has released an update entitled ['Fujairah Attacks: Advice from INTERTANKO and OCIMF'](#).
- **West** – has released two updates:
 - ['Canada - Stricter Environmental Protection Measures Now Mandatory for Cruise Ships'](#)
 - ['Navigating the Seas of Sustainability - FAME Biofuel Blends in Marine Engines'](#).
- **UK P&I** – has published an update entitled ['Update on fuel contamination in Houston'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

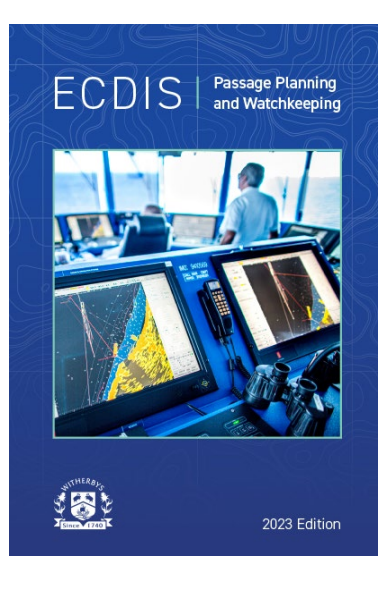
- **SIGTTO** – has published an article entitled ['Two new free publications available for download'](#).
- **IIMS** – has published three updates :
 - ['Fire safety warning issued by RCR'](#)
 - ['London Club sees cargo damage claims from the carriage of dry chemicals in FIBCs'](#)
 - ['Safety Advisory Notice: Transportation of electric vehicles containing lithium batteries damaged by extreme weather events'](#)
- **EMSA** – has published their ['June Newsletter'](#).

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Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** – The Marine Safety Investigation Unit has released a [Safety Investigation Report](#) into the serious injury to a crew member on board the RoRo Cargo 'Eurocargo Catania' during cargo operations in the port of Salerno, Italy. While loading a semi-trailer, the signal person was caught between the semi-trailer's side and one of the ship's transverse frames. He suffered crush injuries and had to be transported to hospital.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **VP.RoK.IntSympOnMaritMobi – 12/07/2023** - SYMPOSIUM - The Maritime Mobility for Innovation in the Maritime Sector.
- **CCC 9/1/1 – 12/07/2023** – ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.
- **CCC 9/2– 12/07/2023** – DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES.
- **C 129/15(i)/Add.1 – 12/07/2023** – EXTERNAL RELATIONS.
- **MEPC 80/J/1– 12/07/2023** – PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1430/Rev.3 – 11/07/2023** – REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE DESIGN AND APPROVAL OF FIXED WATER-BASED FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEMS FOR RO-RO SPACES AND SPECIAL CATEGORY SPACES.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1663 – 10/07/2023** – GUIDELINES FOR LIFTING APPLIANCES.
- **LC 45/2 – 10/07/2023** – STATUS OF THE LONDON CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL.
- **COMSAR.1/Circ.59/Rev.1 – 10/07/2023** – GUIDANCE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTONOMOUS DISTRESS TRACKING (ADT) OF AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1665 – 10/07/2023** – GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES OF SEAFARERS.

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.

- 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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