

# Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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## Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- UK** – has released two updates:
  - ['Electric Vehicles Onboard Passenger Roll-On/Roll-Off \(RO-RO\) Ferries](#)
  - ['Navigation' Vessel Traffic Services \(VTS\) – Training and Certification of VTS Personnel'](#).
- Australia** – has updated two legislation pieces:
  - ['Marine Orders Amendment \(Marine Order 501 — consequential changes\) Order 2023'](#)
  - ['Marine Order 501 \(Administration — national law\) 2023'](#).
- Marshall Islands** – has released an update entitled ['2023 Tokyo and Paris Memoranda of Understanding Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Fire Safety'](#).
- Panama** – has published three updates:
  - ['Armed Security Personnel Onboard Panama Flagged Vessels Transiting High Risk Areas'](#)
  - ['Statutory requirements for a Single International Voyage'](#)
  - ['Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) 2023 – the Tokyo and Paris MoUs on Fire Safety'](#).
- Isle of Man** – has published an update entitled ['Prohibition on Use of Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid \(PFOS\) in Fire-Extinguishing Media'](#).
- Singapore** – has released two updates entitled:
  - ['Restriction on Vessels Transiting, Anchoring, or Remaining in the Demarcated Area at the Eastern Anchorages'](#)
  - ['Soil Investigation Works Off West Jurong Channel'](#).

## Recent Class Society Guidance

- Bureau Veritas** – has published a report entitled ['III 9 Report'](#).
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled ['Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) by Tokyo and the Paris MoU on Fire Safety Beginning From 1st September 2023 and Ending on 30th November 2023'](#).
- Lloyd's Register** – has published three updates:
  - ['New SOLAS requirements for towing and mooring equipment - Regulation II-1/3-8 will enter into force on 1 January 2024'](#)
  - ['Update on the Inclusion of maritime transport emissions in the EU Emissions Trading System \(ETS\)'](#)
  - ['The IMO 2009 Hong Kong Convention for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships'](#).

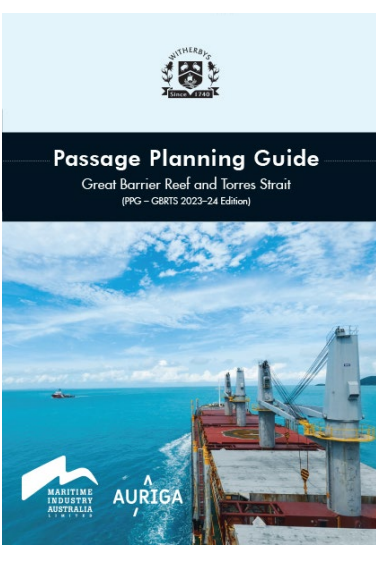
## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has released a member alert entitled ['Joint Paris and Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\): Fire Safety'](#).
- GARD** – has published an update entitled ['Recent Developments in the War in Ukraine - the Effect on Contractual Obligations of the Cessation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative'](#).
- Britannia P&I** – has released an update entitled ['Crew Watch August 2023'](#).
- West** – has released three updates:
  - ['Myanmar – Insights, Infrastructure and Maritime Operations at Yangon Port](#)
  - ['Circular - VPS Update on Houston Fuel Contamination'](#)
  - ['Enforceability of Unstamped Arbitration Agreements in India'](#).
- UK P&I** – has published an update entitled ['Efficient Management of a Busy Port Call: Optimising Operations and Ensuring Safety'](#).

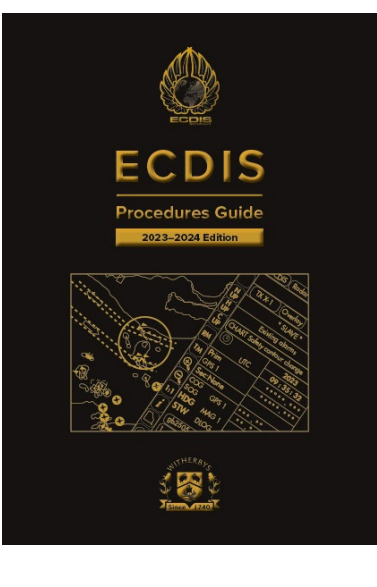
## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- UK Chamber of Shipping** – has released an update entitled ['Chamber Reacts to £34m of Funding to Help Shipping Decarbonise'](#).
- SIGTTO** – has released their ['Spring – Summer Newsletter 2023'](#).
- ICS** – has published a press release entitled ['ICS membership continues to grow with the Association of Panamanian Shipowners joining'](#).
- IIMS** – has released two updates:
  - ['Revised Port State Control procedures effective from January 2024'](#)
  - ['Lithium-Ion Battery Fires on Vessels Remain One of the Biggest Safety Issues'](#).

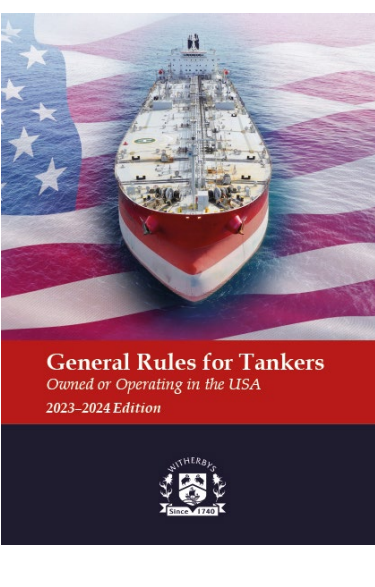
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## Recent Accident Reports

- USA** – The National Transportation Safety Board has released an [Investigation Report](#) into the collision between the container ship MSC 'Aquarius' and the tug 'George M'. Both ships were transiting at speed in the Houston Ship Channel, approaching Morgan's Point, Texas. No injuries were reported.

## Recent IMO Circulars

- LC 45/10 – 09/08/2023** – INTERPRETATION OF THE LONDON CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL to be held on 28 September 2023 as part of World Maritime Day Celebrations.
- LC 45/5/3 – 09/08/2023** – MARINE GEOENGINEERING INCLUDING OCEAN FERTILIZATION.
- LC 45/7/1 – 09/08/2023** – COMPLIANCE ISSUES.
- LC 45/7/2 – 09/08/2023** – COMPLIANCE ISSUES.
- LC 45/6/1 – 09/08/2023** – CO2 SEQUESTRATION IN SUB-SEABED GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS.
- HTW 10/1 – 08/08/2023** – PROVISIONAL AGENDA.
- Circular Letter No.4756 – 08/08/2023** – Tenth session of the Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (5 to 9 February 2024).
- Circular Letter No.4743 – 08/08/2023** – Amendments to Protocol I of MARPOL.
- CCC 9/INF.2 – 07/08/2023** – CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING DANGEROUS GOODS OR MARINE POLLUTANTS IN PACKAGED FORM ON BOARD SHIPS OR IN PORT AREAS.
- PPR 11/1 – 07/08/2023** – PROVISIONAL AGENDA.

## 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

## List of amendments expected to enter into force this year and in the coming years

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## 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.

- 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 Technical Cooperation Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 16-20 October – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
- 23-24 November – IMO Council
- 27 November - 06 December – IMO Assembly