



## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **Liberia** – has issued two updates:
  - ['Implementation of the 2021 Revised MARPOL Annex VI, Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships'](#)
  - ['Issuance of International Certificates on Inventory of Hazardous Materials \(IHM\)'](#)
- **Hong Kong** – has released two merchant shipping information notes:
  - ['Amendments to the 2014 Standard specification for shipboard incinerators \(resolution MEPC.244\(66\)\)'](#)
  - ['2022 Guidelines for the Implementation of EEDI Requirements'](#)

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### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued a technical circular entitled ['Amendments to SOLAS II-1, Reg.3-8 regarding New Requirements and Related Guidelines on Towing and Mooring Equipment'](#).
- **ClassNK** – has published an update entitled ['New Requirements for Towing and Mooring Equipment due to the Amendments to SOLAS II-1 Reg.3-8'](#).

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### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD** – has published an update entitled ['Hot spots for accidents – the risks and locations to be aware of'](#).

- **Britannia P&I** – has released two updates:
  - ['Notice on Further Strengthening the Safety Self-Inspection of Ships'](#)
  - ['BSafe Incident Case Study 20: Mooring Incident Leads to Fatality'](#).
- **ShipOwner's Club** – has issued an update entitled ['Liens'](#).
- **UK P&I** – has published two updates:
  - ['Ammonia as a Ship's Fuel'](#)
  - ['Circular 09/23: Electronic \(Paperless\) Trading'](#)

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## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

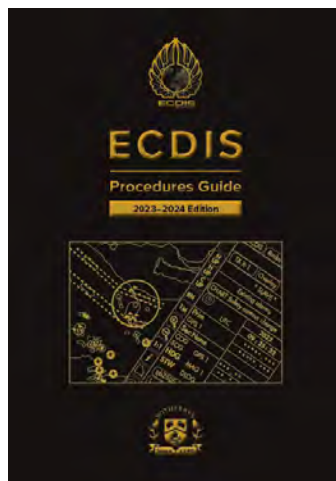
- **UK MAIB** – has published a [lifteraft safety bulletin](#).

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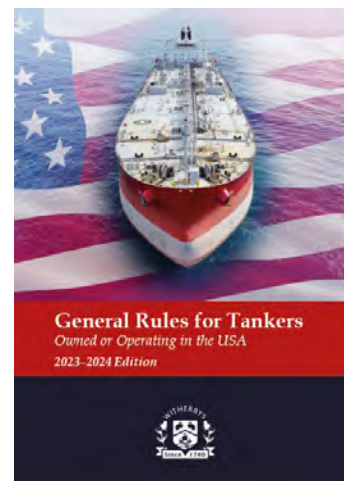
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## Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has released an [accident investigation report](#) into the engine room fire on board the LPG carrier 'Moritz Schulte', which resulted in the death of the third engineer. While discharging a cargo of ethylene, a fire broke out in the engine room. The fuel system had not been effectively isolated and during operations both the third engineer and an adjacent auxiliary engine's hot exhaust were sprayed with fuel under pressure. The fuel spray

penetrated the exhaust insulation and ignited. The accident took place in the Port of Antwerp, Belgium.

- **Ireland** – The Marine Casualty Investigation Board has released an [investigation report](#) into an incident involving the fishing vessel '*Bikain*'. While alongside in Dingle Harbour, County Kerry, Ireland, the vessel's controllable pitch propellers went to the full astern position. The crew on board tried to stop the main engine with the emergency stop button on the wheelhouse console, but this failed. The mooring ropes holding the vessel parted and the vessel went quickly astern and made heavy contact with the southern boat marina pontoon causing extensive damage to the pontoon and to several boats that were secured there at the time.
  - **The Netherlands** – The Dutch Safety Board has released an [investigation report](#) into the collision between the '*Amadeus Aquamarijn*' and the '*Z60 Blue Angel*' in the North Sea traffic separation scheme, above the Wadden Islands. Over a period of a few minutes, the '*Z60 Blue Angel*' hit the '*Amadeus Aquamarijn*' from behind several times. As a result of the collision, the '*Amadeus Aquamarijn*' suffered serious damage, with seawater entering the ship through a large hole in the hull at the waterline.
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### Recent IMO Circulars

- **TC 73/6/2 – 24/08/2023** – THE CAPACITY-BUILDING DECADE 2021-2030 STRATEGY.
  - **TC 73/INF.4 – 24/08/2023** – RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND PARTNERSHIPS.
  - **TC 73/3(a) – 23/08/2023** – TECHNICAL COOPERATION PLANNING AND REPORTING.
  - **MEPC.1/Circ.906 – 23/08/2023** – REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE REDUCTION OF UNDERWATER RADIATED NOISE FROM SHIPPING TO ADDRESS ADVERSE IMPACTS ON MARINE LIFE.
  - **NCSR 11/1 – 23/08/2023** – PROVISIONAL AGENDA for the eleventh session of the Sub-Committee to be held from Tuesday, 4 to Thursday, 13 June 2024 at IMO Headquarters, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.
  - **TC 73/7/1 – 23/08/2023** – REGIONAL PRESENCE AND COORDINATION.
  - **Circular Letter No.4765 – 23/08/2023** – Eleventh session of the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (4 to 13 June 2024).
  - **III 9/INF.1 – 23/08/2023** – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
  - **TC 73/3(b) – 22/08/2023** – TECHNICAL COOPERATION PLANNING AND REPORTING.
  - **C 129/INF.1 – 22/08/2023** – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
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### 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
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## 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 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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