

# Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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## Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **Liberia** – has issued an update entitled '[Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships \(LRIT\)](#)'.
- **Marshall Islands** – has released two updates:
  - '[Minimum Safe Manning Requirements for Vessels](#)'
  - '[Issuance and Use of Statutory Certificates](#)'.
- **Panama** – has published four updates:
  - '[Guidance for the implementation and certification of the ISPS Code](#)'
  - '[Panama Oil Record Book and Emissions \(Amendments and Guidelines\)](#)'
  - '[International Safety Management \(ISM\) Code Panama Policy](#)'
  - '[Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended \(MLC, 2006, as amended\)](#)'.

## Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[South Korea on Ballast Water Management requirements in reaction to release of treated wastewater from Fukushima nuclear power plant](#)'.
- **Class NK** – has released two updates:
  - '[Handling of IMO Interim Guidance on the Use of Biofuels under IMO-DCS and CII regulation](#)'
  - '[Caribbean MoU Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) on Fire Safety Systems and Pilot Ladder Transfer Systems](#)'.

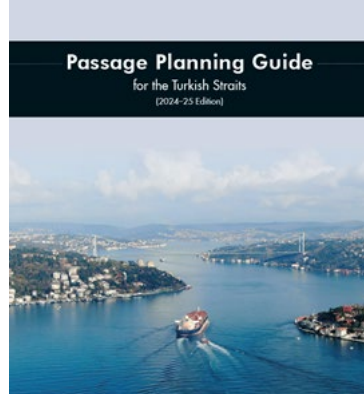
## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has published an update entitled '[United States Imposes Sanctions on Jet Fuel Transport to Burma](#)'.
- **GARD** – has published three updates:
  - '[First lines ashore! Do we understand the risk?](#)'
  - '[IG Proforma Letters of Indemnity Review](#)'
  - '[US imposes sanctions on jet fuel transport to Burma](#)'.
- **SKULD** – has released an update entitled '[Updated suite of IG-recommended Letter of Indemnity wordings](#)'.
- **Britannia P&I Club** – has released two updates:
  - '[Safe Carriage of Flexitanks in Containers Guidance](#)'
  - '[Safe Carriage of Liquefied Natural Gas Fuelled Vehicles](#)'.
- **Japan P&I Club** – has published four updates:
  - '[Updated Suite of IG-recommended Letter of Indemnity wordings](#)'
  - '[China China MSA issued the announcement on carrying out special safety supervision over ships entering Zhejiang waters](#)'
  - '[China High risk water areas which are frequent locations of collision incidents between vessels and fishing boats in Bohai Sea and Yellow Sea](#)'
  - '[China Properly Fly the Port State Flag to Avoid Administrative Penalties](#)'.
- **The London P&I Club** – has released two updates:
  - '[Updated Suite of IG-approved Letter of Indemnity wordings](#)'
  - '[US imposes sanctions on jet fuel transport to Burma/Myanmar](#)'.
- **UK P&I** – has published an update entitled '[Crew Health Advice: CBD](#)'

## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICS** – has published a press release entitled '[UAE MOE and the International Chamber of Shipping unveil plans for COP28](#)'.
- **IIMS** – has released an update entitled '[Lack of hull inspection and maintenance led to sinking is report finding](#)'.
- **EMSA** – has published a press release entitled '[Interim Guidance on Maritime Security for Member States' Competent Authorities Version](#)'.

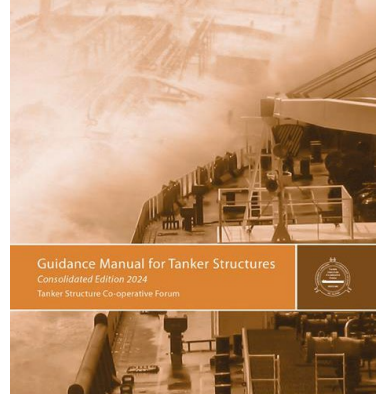
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## Recent Accident Reports

- **UK** – The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has released an [Investigation Report](#) into a collision between the general cargo ship 'Scot Carrier' and the split hopper barge 'Karin Høj', which resulted in the capsizing of the barge and two fatalities in the Bornholmsgat traffic separation scheme, Sweden.

## Recent IMO Circulars

- **ESPH 29/2 – 13/09/2023** – DECISIONS OF OTHER BODIES.
- **ESPH 29/3/5 – 13/09/2023** – EVALUATION OF PRODUCTS.
- **LC.4/Circ.39 – 13/09/2023** – 1996 PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972.
- **LLMC.3/Circ.63 – 13/09/2023** – RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND PARTNERSHIPS.
- **MSC.1/CIRC.1557/REV.1 – 13/09/2023** – REVISED HAZARDOUS AREA CLASSIFICATION (APPLICATION OF SOLAS REGULATION II-1/45.11).
- **HNS.2/Circ.11 – 13/09/2023** – PROTOCOL OF 2010 TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARRIAGE OF HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES BY SEA, 1996.
- **OPRC.3/Circ.36/Corr.1 – 13/09/2023** – PROTOCOL ON PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND CO-OPERATION TO POLLUTION INCIDENTS BY HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES, 2000.
- **E&T 39/2 – 12/09/2023** – FINALIZATION OF DRAFT EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS TO THE IMDG CODE (AMENDMENT 41-22).
- **TC 73/4(c) – 12/09/2023** – RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND PARTNERSHIPS.
- **E&T 39/2/1 – 12/09/2023** – FINALIZATION OF DRAFT EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENTS TO THE IMDG CODE (AMENDMENT 41-22).

## 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.

- 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
- 07 December – IMO Council
- 22-26 January – Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC)
- 05-09 February – Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW)
- 18-22 February – Legal Committee (LEG)
- 19-23 February – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
- 04-08 March – Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE)
- 08-12 April – Facilitation Committee (FAL)
- 22-26 April – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 15-24 May – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 04-13 June – Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
- 24-28 June – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
- 08-12 July – IMO Council
- 22-26 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)