

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has issued two updates:
 - ['MGN 635 \(M\): Inspections of Ro-Ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft'](#)
 - ['MGN 664 \(M+F\) Amendment 1: Certification process for vessels using innovative technology'](#).
- **Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - ['SAF-009 - Implementation, Survey And Certification Under The International Code For Ships Operating In Polar Waters \(Polar Code\)'](#)
 - ['Ability To Override Engine Or Shaft Power Limiting Devices'](#).
- **Panama** – has published an update entitled ['Measures to Prevent the Inflow of Possible Radioactive Ballast Water Into Korean and Chinese Waters'](#).
- **Singapore** – has issued an update entitled ['digitalPORT@SGTM - Implementation of Just in Time Planning and Coordination Platform for Port of Singapore'](#).
- **Cyprus** – has published three updates:
 - ['Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1667 of 8 August 2023 laying down rules for the application of Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment and repealing Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1157 \("Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1667"\)'](#)
 - ['The Merchant Shipping \(Implementation of European Union Decisions and Regulations on Certain Matters of Maritime Transport\) Law \(Law 81\(I\)/2023\) and relevant Order of 2023 \(P.I. 274/2023\)'](#)
 - ['Obligation to appoint a Passenger Registrar in accordance with the Merchant Shipping \(Registration of Persons Sailing on Board Passenger Ships\) Laws of 2002 and 2020 \(Law 57\(I\)/2002 as amended\)'](#).

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Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published an update entitled ['Concentrated inspection campaign \(CIC\) by Caribbean MOU on Fire Safety Systems and Pilot Ladders beginning 1 September 2023 and ending on 30 November 2023'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD** – has published an update entitled ['Are you snap-safe?'](#).
- **Britannia P&I Club** – has released an update entitled ['Heat Damage to Agricultural Cargoes on Board'](#).
- **Japan P&I Club** – has published an update entitled ['Ghana – MARPOL violation fines'](#).
- **West** – has published an update entitled ['Essential Gas Detectors for Safe Direct Reduced Iron \(DRI\) Transport: TC & PT Sensors Required'](#).
- **UK P&I** – has published five updates:
 - ['Crew Health Advice: Positive Self-Esteem'](#)
 - ['New South Korea Ballast Water Regulations'](#)
 - ['UK Electronic Trade Documents Act 2023 comes into force'](#)
 - ['IMO Regulatory Update 2023/2024'](#)
 - ['A Roadmap for Ship Decarbonisation'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IIMS** – has released five updates:
 - ['Cruise Ship Captain Sent to Prison for Deadly Collision With Tour Boat'](#)
 - ['ICOMIA launches essential new Paint Colour Guide: Yacht Coating Technical Guidelines'](#)
 - ['Guidance on How to Comply With PSC Focus on Firefighting and Clean Machinery Spaces'](#)
 - ['Addressing the Growing Threat of Cargo Losses at Sea: Fresh Guidelines'](#)
 - ['UK Shipbuilding Skills Taskforce Report Published'](#).
- **EMSA** – has published two updates:
 - ['Potential of Ammonia as Fuel in Shipping \[updated\]'](#)
 - ['Update on Potential of Biofuels for Shipping \[updated\]'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- **USA** – The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has released an [investigation report](#) into the crane fire on board the spud barge 'Kokosing V'. When dredging the James River near Newport News, Virginia, USA, the dredging crane on board the barge caught fire. The four crew members on board fought the fire unsuccessfully and were forced to abandon ship. Crews from responding fireboats extinguished the fire later that evening. There were no injuries.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **CCC 9/WP.5 – 28/09/2023** – REVISION OF RESOLUTION A.1050(27) TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PERSONNEL ENTERING ENCLOSED SPACES ON BOARD SHIPS.
- **ICAO/IMO JWG-SAR/30-WP.27 – 28/09/2023** – SAR COMMUNICATIONS.
- **JWGMSEA 7/4 – 28/09/2023** – IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS FOR EVOLUTION OF THE SCHEME INTO THE SECOND AUDIT CYCLE USING THE CONTINUOUS MONITORING APPROACH, INCLUDING RELATED RESOURCE IMPLICATION.
- **VP.BaselConvImplementation – 27/09/2023** – The Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (BC ICC) and the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee (RC CC) – A snapshot.
- **CCC 9/WP.6 – 27/09/2023** – REVISION OF THE INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARRIAGE OF LIQUEFIED HYDROGEN IN BULK.
- **ICAO/IMO JWG-SAR/30-WP.30 – 27/09/2023** – CONVENTIONS, PLANS, MANUALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AFFECTING SAR.
- **ICAO/IMO JWG-SAR/30-WP.28 – 27/09/2023** – SAR PERSONNEL STAFFING AND TRAINING.
- **ICAO/IMO JWG-SAR/30-WP.31 – 27/09/2023** – CONVENTIONS, PLANS, MANUALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AFFECTING SAR.
- **ICAO/IMO JWG-SAR/30-WP.19 – 27/09/2023** – DECISIONS OF ICAO AND IMO BODIES RELATED TO THE JOINT WORKING GROUP WORK.
- **ICAO/IMO JWG-SAR/30-WP.20 – 27/09/2023** – SAR SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION, ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION METHODS.

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)