

## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **USA** – has published two updates:
  - ['Guidance on USCG's Roles and Responsibilities for Offshore Renewable Energy Installations \(OREI\) on the Outer Continental Shelf \(OCS\)'](#)
  - ['Release of New Coastal Zone Area Contingency Plan Architecture'](#)
- **Marshall Islands** – has issued three updates:
  - ['International Safety Management \(ISM\) Code'](#)
  - ['Reference List to Aid in International Safety Management Code Compliance'](#)
  - ['Lithium-Ion Batteries: Fire Hazards and Emergency Preparedness'](#)
- **Singapore** – has released a new shipping circular entitled ['Resolutions Adopted by the 79th and 80th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee \(MEPC 79 and MEPC 80\) of the International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)'](#)

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### Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas** – has issued an alert entitled ['NR387 Rules for the Classification of Fish Farms'](#)
- **DNV** – has released an alert entitled ['IMO CCC 9: Work on Interim Guidelines for Ammonia and Hydrogen as Fuel'](#)
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published an update entitled ['Ratification of IMO's 2009 Hong Kong International Convention for Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships \(HKC\)'](#)
- **Lloyd's Register** – has released a news alert entitled ['Safety Notice issued for CO2 system cylinders manufactured by NK Co. LTD'](#)

### Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **GARD** – has published an alert entitled ['Israel-Gaza conflict: Impact on shipping'](#)
- **Japan P&I** – has issued an update entitled ['Measures to Assure Safe Navigation During the Peak Season of Drift-net Fishing in the Seto Inland Sea \(Revised\)'](#)
- **NorthStandard** – has released an update entitled ['Russia - Ukraine War: Impact on Shipping'](#)
- **The Swedish Club** – has issued an update entitled ['China's Maritime Safety Administration identifies 38 high-risk collision areas along coastline'](#)
- **UK P&I** – has published an update entitled ['Israel: Hamas War - Port Situation Update'](#)

### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICC** – has released an update entitled ['IMB calls for regional efforts to safeguard shipping and trade as maritime incidents rise'](#)
- **IIMS** – has released two updates:
  - ['Cargo fumigation: An overview for the maritime sector'](#)
  - ['Engine Retrofit Report 2023 finds lack of yard capacity could compromise retrofit ambitions'](#)

### Recent Accident Reports

- **Japan** – The Japan Transport Safety Board (JTSB) has released an [investigation report](#) into the grounding of the Cargo Ship 'WAKASHIO'. While sailing to the Port of Tubarão in the Federative Republic of Brazil she ran aground on shallows off the southeast coast of the island of Mauritius, Republic of Mauritius. Although there were no fatalities or injuries to the crew, the vessel's hull buckled and sustained other damage and, subsequently, fuel oil spilled from a rupture caused by the occurrence and spreading of cracks that resulted from the buckling, contaminating the southeastern coast of the island.

### Recent IMO Circulars

- **C 130/18 – 12/10/2023** – APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR.
- **PPR 11/16 – 12/10/2023** – ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2025.
- **E&T 39/J/1 – 10/10/2023** – PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
- **SDC 10/2 – 10/10/2023** – DECISIONS OF OTHER IMO BODIES.
- **Circular Letter No.4780 – 10/10/2023** – 2024 IMO Honours for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.
- **IMO/ITU EG 19/J/1 – 10/10/2023** – PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
- **JWGMSA 7/J/2 – 10/10/2023** – PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS.
- **JWGMSA 7/J/3 – 10/10/2023** – PRESENTATION DURING JWGMSEA 7.
- **LC 45/J/1 – 10/10/2023** – PROVISIONAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
- **Circular Letter No.4784 – 10/10/2023** – Communication from the Government of the State of Kuwait.

### 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 and the preliminary programme for 2024. Please see the IMO's ['Meeting Summaries'](#) webpage for more information.

- 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)



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