



## Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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### Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Liberia** – has published four updates:
  - ['Fire-Protection Systems and Appliances'](#)
  - ['Dispensation for Master or Chief Engineer in Circumstances of Force Majeure'](#)
  - ['Amendments to the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate'](#)
  - ['Security Situation in Israel Ports and Territorial Waters'](#)
- **Panama** – has issued nine updates:
  - ['Israeli-Hamas Conflict'](#)
  - ['Material Safety Data Sheet \(MSDS\) for Ships Carrying Oil or Oil Fuel'](#)
  - ['Lifeboat On-Load Release and Retrieval Systems'](#)
  - ['Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and Mobile Offshore Units – High Speed Craft'](#)
  - ['Hazard Working Conditions'](#)
  - ['List of Accepted Companies with Type Approval Certificate of Ballast Water Management System'](#)
  - ['Volatile Organic Compounds \(VOC\) Management Plan'](#)
  - ['International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001'](#)
  - ['Compliance with Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems'](#)
- **Singapore** – has released two port marine notices:
  - ['Installation of Jetty and Floating Pontoons at Coney Island'](#)
  - ['Issuance of a Proof of Sustainability with the Bunker Delivery Note for Bio-Fuel Deliveries to Ships Engaged in International Shipping in the Port of Singapore'](#)
- **Hong Kong** – has publishing a merchant shipping information note entitled ['United Nations Sanctions \(South Sudan\) Regulation 2019 \(Amendment\) Regulation 2023'](#).

## New from Witherbys



The banner features the Witherbys logo on the left, which includes a stylized flag and a checkmark. To the right of the logo, the text 'WITHERBYS' is in a bold, sans-serif font, and 'Flag State Regulations' is in a smaller, serif font. The background of the banner is a collage of various national flags, including the Union Jack, the flag of the Bahamas, and the flag of the United Kingdom. Below the logo and text, there is a dark blue horizontal bar with the text 'Our best selling Flag State Regulations and CFRs' in white. At the bottom of the banner, there is a white horizontal bar with the text 'Now only £29/year' in black. To the right of this text is a red button with the text 'Order Now' in white and a white mouse cursor icon pointing at it.

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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- DNV – has released a technical news article entitled ['Oily water separator - Further clarifications on requirements for sampling points'](#).
- Lloyd's Register – has issued two updates:
  - ['New SOLAS Chapter XV – Safety Measures for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel'](#)
  - ['Zero Carbon Fuel Monitor - October 2023 update'](#).
- Class NK – has published a ['Summary of the Outcomes of MEPC 80'](#).

## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club – has published four updates:
  - ['Loss Prevention Initiative: National Protect Your Hearing Month'](#)
  - ['Russian Federation Restrictions on Ukrainians Entering Russian Federation Territories'](#)
  - ['Good Catch Update: Knowing the Barge Condition Before Starting the Tow'](#)
  - ['Pre-Employment Medical Examination \(PEME\) Program: Fraudulent PEME Certificates'](#) .
- GARD – has issued four updates:
  - ['Preventing collisions with fishing vessels in China'](#)
  - ['Ships with Ukrainian crew at Russian ports risk disruption'](#)
  - ['Israel-Gaza conflict: contractual implications'](#)
  - ['Increase in stern tube damages - a concerning new trend?'](#).

- **Britannia** – has published the October edition of ['Risk Watch'](#).
  - **Japan P&I** – has issued an update entitled ['China – China MSA published a list of high collision risk areas along Chinese coast'](#).
  - **NorthStandard** – has published an update entitled ['Phishing Emails Awareness and Guidance'](#) .
  - **Swedish Club** – has released two updates:
    - ['Latest on the port situation in Israel'](#)
    - ['The situation in Israel is expected to be dynamic'](#).
  - **West** – has issued two updates:
    - ['Israel: Port Status Update'](#)
    - ['Green Gas Stations in the Gulf - Waypoints 05'](#) .
  - **UK P&I** – has published an update entitled ['Israel: Hamas War - Port Situation Update'](#) .
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### Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **UK MAIB** – has released a list of its [current investigations](#).
  - **IIMS** – has published an article on ['The issues around the transport of microplastic pellets'](#) .
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### Recent Accident Reports

- **Malta** – Transport Malta has released a [safety investigation report](#) into the fatal fall of a stevedore during cargo operations in the port of Bata, Equatorial Guinea.
  - **Canada** – The Transport Safety Board of Canada has released a [safety investigation report](#) into the loss of steerage and subsequent grounding of the RoRo ferry *'Confederation'*. The incident took place in Caribou, Nova Scotia. No injuries were reported.
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### Recent IMO Circulars

- **A 33/8(c) – 19/10/2023** – STRATEGY, PLANNING AND REFORM.
- **EGDH 9/13/5 Rev.1 – 18/10/2023** – ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
- **EGDH 9/13/4 Rev.1 – 18/10/2023** – ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
- **Circular Letter No. 4774 – 17/10/2023** – Ad-hoc Expert Workshop on the life cycle GHG intensity of marine fuels (14 and 15 December 2023) – invitation to nominate experts.
- **MEPC.1/Circ.907 – 17/10/2023** – GUIDELINES FOR UNDERWATER RADIATED

NOISE REDUCTION IN INUIT NUNAAT AND THE ARCTIC.

- **CCC 9/INF.1 – 16/10/2023** – LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.
  - **MEPC 81/3/2 – 16/10/2023** – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS.
  - **MEPC 81/3/3 – 16/10/2023** – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS.
  - **MEPC 81/3/1 – 19/10/2023** – CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS.
  - **LP-CG 15/INF.1 – 19/10/2023** – 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 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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