

# Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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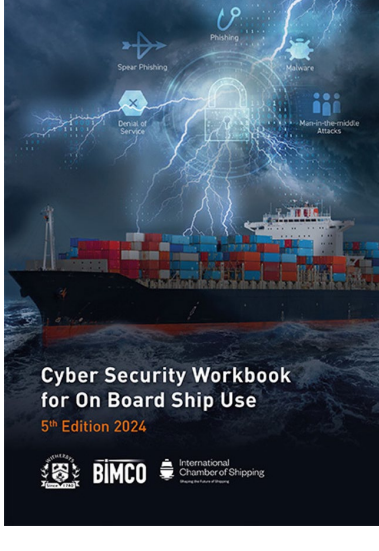
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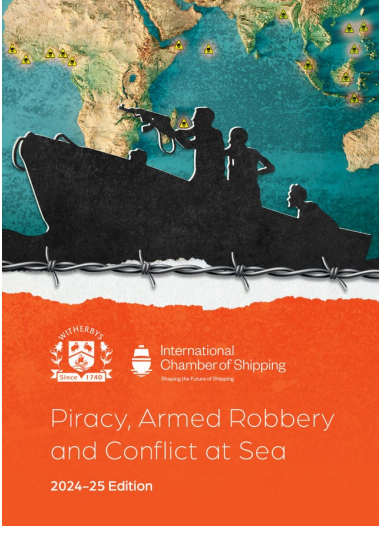
## Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has published two updates:
  - ['New Arrangements for the Plan Approval, Construction and Outfit and Certification of New Build Fishing Vessels From 30 October 2023'](#)
  - ['Amendments to MARPOL Annex II: Abbreviated Legend to the Revised GESAMP Hazard Evaluation Procedure'](#).
- Bahamas** – has released five updates:
  - ['Control and Management of Ships' Biofouling'](#)
  - ['Approval of Marine Equipment'](#)
  - ['Lifeboat Safety'](#)
  - ['Medical Stores'](#)
  - ['MARPOL Annex VI Record Book'](#).
- Singapore** – has issued three updates:
  - ['Guidelines for Prevention of Collision Between Merchant Vessels and Fishing Vessels in Coastal Waters of China'](#)
  - ['Digital Bunkering'](#)
  - ['Prevention of Pollution of the Sea \(Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023'](#).

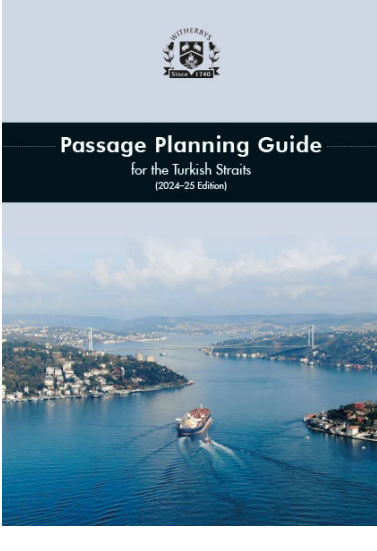
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## Recent Class Society Guidance

- ClassNK** – has published two updates:
  - ['Application of Cyber Risk Management to U.S. vessels, foreign flagged vessels that call on ports in the U.S., and MODUs'](#)
  - ['The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 \(the Ship Recycling Convention\)'](#).
- Korean Register** – has released a technical news article entitled ['Technical Information for AFP-C\(EV\) Notation'](#).
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has issued an update entitled ['St. Kitts & Nevis Maritime Circular – MC 125 23 Reg. Raised Security Level 3 for ships operating within the Mediterranean Sea area adjacent to Israel and Palestine'](#).

## Recent P&I Club Guidance

- UK P&I** – has published an update entitled ['New Requirements for Prevention of Bedbug Infestation in Morocco'](#).

## Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- EMSA** – has issued an update entitled ['Annual Overview of Marine Casualties and Incidents report published'](#).
- IMO** – has published an article on ['50 Years of Marine Environment Protection'](#).
- ReCAAP** – has released its ['Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Weekly Report'](#).

## Recent Accident Reports

- New Zealand** – Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) has released an [investigation report](#) into the crushing of a stevedore during cargo operations in the port of Auckland, New Zealand and the burial of a stevedore during the process of loading coal onto a bulk carrier in Lyttelton Port, New Zealand.

## Recent IMO Circulars

- C 130/13(b)** – **02/11/2023** – GLOBAL MARITIME TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.
- PSCWS 8/3/4** – **01/11/2023** – HARMONIZATION OF PORT STATE CONTROL PROCEDURES.
- III 9/19/Add.1** – **01/11/2023** – REPORT TO THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE.
- ESPH 29/J/3** – **01/11/2023** – LIST OF PRODUCTS NOT YET REASSESSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PPR.1/CIRC.10 SORTED BY REPORTING COUNTRY.
- PSCWS 8/3/10** – **31/10/2023** – HARMONIZATION OF PORT STATE CONTROL PROCEDURES.
- PSCWS 8/3/11** – **31/10/2023** – HARMONIZATION OF PORT STATE CONTROL PROCEDURES.
- PSCWS 8/4** – **31/10/2023** – INFORMATION ON PSC ACTIVITIES.
- PSCWS 8/3/9** – **31/10/2023** – HARMONIZATION OF PORT STATE CONTROL PROCEDURES.
- PPR 11/16/1** – **31/10/2023** – ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2025.
- PSCWS 8/3/8** – **31/10/2023** – HARMONIZATION OF PORT STATE CONTROL PROCEDURES.

## 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.

- 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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