

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

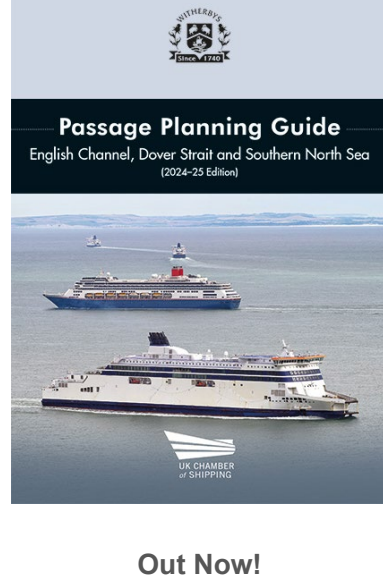
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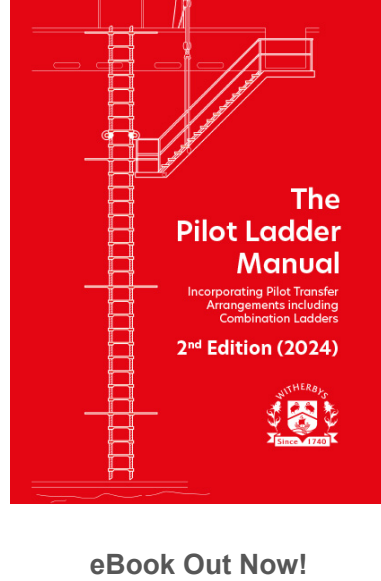
Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Australia** – has published four updates:
 - ['Marine Order 504 \(Certificates of operation and operation requirements — national law\) 2018'](#)
 - ['Marine Order 505 \(Certificates of competency — national law\) 2022'](#)
 - ['Marine Order 503 \(Certificates of survey — national law\) 2018'](#)
 - ['Marine Order 502 \(Vessel identifiers — national law\) 2017'.](#)
- USA** – has issued an update entitled ['Coast Guard Policies to Address Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response on Vessels'](#).
- Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Use of Record and Log Books Onboard Ships'](#)
 - ['Interim Guidelines on Safe Operation of Onshore Power Supply \(OPS\) Service in Port for Ships Engaged on International Voyages'](#).
- Marshall Islands** – has published three updates:
 - ['Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas'](#)
 - ['Fire Extinguishing Requirements for Paint and Flammable Liquid Lockers'](#)
 - ['Flag Implementation of the Price Cap Policy for Crude Oil and Petroleum Products of Russian Federation Origin'](#).
- Panama** – has issued 14 updates:
 - ['Emergency Escape Breathing Devices \(EEBD\)'](#)
 - ['Guidelines on Early Assessment of Hull Damage and Possible Need for Abandonment of Bulk Carriers, on Board of Panamanian Flagged Vessels'](#)
 - ['Control of the Fuel's Quality Guidelines'](#)
 - ['Yacht Technical Policy'](#)
 - ['Announcement of Resolution entry in force January 1st, 2020, for Amendments to the International CODE for Fire Safety SYSTEM \(FSS CODE\)'](#)
 - ['Early Implementation of SOLAS Regulations II-2/Regulation 1 and II-2/Regulation 10'](#)
 - ['Maritime Labour Certificate \(MLC\) – Certification Process – Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended \(MLC\)'](#)
 - ['Electronic Charts and Publications in regards to the Carriage Requirements and Crew Training on board Panama Flagged vessels'](#)
 - ['Certificate of Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1992 \(CLC 92\)'](#)
 - ['Crew Boat Requirements'](#)
 - ['Code of Safety for Caribbean Cargo Ships \(CCSS Code\)'](#)
 - ['Ship to Ship Transfer \(STS\) Operations Plan'](#)
 - ['Other means of embarkation for remotely located survival crafts'](#)
 - ['Adoption of Amendment to MARPOL 73/78, Annex V'.](#)
- Malta** – has released an update entitled ['EU MRV Regulation'](#).

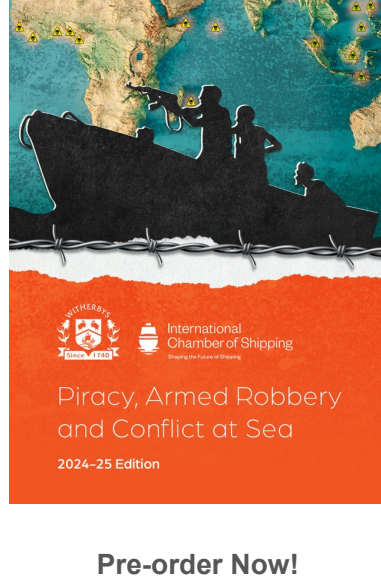
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has released a technical news article entitled ['Requirements for Building and Classing Wind Farm Support Vessels'](#).
- DNV** – has published three updates:
 - ['Mediterranean SOx ECA, and heavy fuel oil ban in the Arctic'](#)
 - ['How to Reduce the Risk of Propeller Shaft Bearing Damage'](#)
 - ['New IMO-Vega online version'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has published two updates:
 - ['American Club – 2023 US Claims and Loss Prevention Seminar Materials'](#)
 - ['Joint American Club and Seamen's Church Institute Guidance – Addressing and Managing Seafarer Mental Health Challenges'](#).
- Britannia P&I** – has released an update entitled ['Marine Evacuation System Exercises'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has issued an update entitled ['China Alert to Risks in the Claims for Injury, Illness or Death of Chinese Seafarers Expatriate'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ICS** – has issued an update entitled ['New Study Launched Highlighting the Positive Impacts of Turning Down the Volume'](#).
- IIMS** – has released an update entitled ['Battery Electric Vehicles Carriage Risk Guidance Published by AMSA'](#).
- EMSA** – has published its ['November 2023 Newsletter'](#).

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

- SDC 10/6 – 15/11/2023** – AMENDMENTS TO THE 2011 ESP CODE.
- A 33/23/Rev.2 – 15/11/2023** – ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE IMO CONVENTION.
- SDC 10/10/4 – 14/11/2023** – UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF PROVISIONS OF IMO SAFETY, SECURITY, AND ENVIRONMENT-RELATED CONVENTIONS.
- Circular Letter No.4802 – 14/11/2023** – Communication from the Government of the State of Libya.
- Circular Letter No.4805 – 13/11/2023** – Position in the IMO Junior Professional Officer programme.
- A 33/13/2 – 13/11/2023** – CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE.
- Circular Letter No.4804 – 13/11/2023** – Communication from the United Nations Assistant High Commissioner for Protection concerning Multistakeholder Pledge: developing comprehensive responses to the protection challenges faced by refugees and migrants moving by sea.
- Circular Letter No.4771 – 10/11/2023** – IMO Member State Audit Scheme – Consolidated Audit Summary Report (CASR).
- SDC 10/INF.5 – 10/11/2023** – REVIEW OF THE 2014 GUIDELINES FOR THE REDUCTION OF UNDERWATER NOISE FROM COMMERCIAL SHIPPING TO ADDRESS ADVERSE IMPACTS ON MARINE LIFE (MEPC.1/CIRC.833) (2014 GUIDELINES) AND IDENTIFICATION OF NEXT STEPS.
- SDC 10/INF.3 – 10/11/2023** – REVIEW OF THE 2014 GUIDELINES FOR THE REDUCTION OF UNDERWATER NOISE FROM COMMERCIAL SHIPPING TO ADDRESS ADVERSE IMPACTS ON MARINE LIFE (MEPC.1/CIRC.833) (2014 GUIDELINES) AND IDENTIFICATION OF NEXT STEPS.

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)