

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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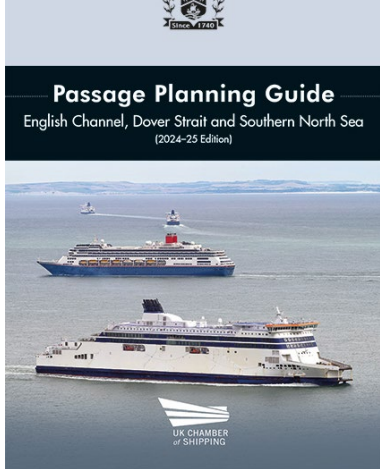
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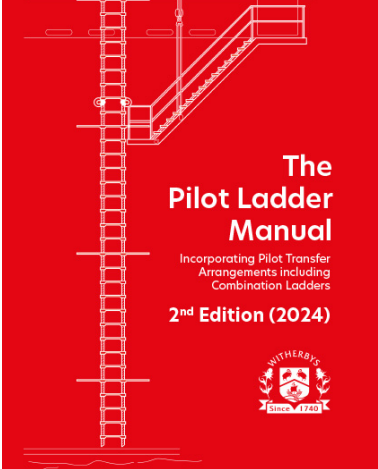
Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has released four updates:
 - ['MLC Food and catering recognised qualifications'](#)
 - ['Approval and acceptance of electronic record books and recording requirements under SOLAS chapter V/Reg 28'](#)
 - ['Radio regulations amendments and GMDSS radio equipment updates'](#)
 - ['The Merchant Shipping \(distress signals and prevention of collisions\) regulations 1996 - COLREG'](#)
- Australia** – has published five updates:
 - ['Marine Order 12 \(Construction — subdivision and stability, machinery and electrical installations\) 2023'](#)
 - ['Marine Orders Amendment \(Marine Order 12 — consequential changes\) Order 2023'](#)
 - ['Marine Orders Amendment \(Marine Order 71 — consequential changes\) Order 2023'](#)
 - ['Marine Order 71 \(Masters and deck officers\) 2023'](#)
 - ['Marine Order 507 \(Load line certificates — national law\) 2018'](#)
- USA** – has issued two updates
 - ['Guidance on Navigational Safety In and Around Offshore Renewable Energy Installations \(OREI\)'](#)
 - ['By Land and Sea – Firefighting Preparation is Key!'](#)
- Liberia** – has released an update entitled ['Hazards Associated with a Wheelhouse not Protected by a Fire Detection and Alarm System'](#).
- Panama** – has published four updates:
 - ['Guidelines on Early Assessment of Hull Damage and Possible Need for Abandonment of Bulk Carriers, on Board of Panamanian Flagged Vessels'](#)
 - ['Observance of Traffic Separation Schemes'](#)
 - ['Provisions for the Training and Certification of Offshore Personnel on Board Offshore Units Registered Under the Panamanian Flag'](#)
 - ['Manning of Survival Craft and Supervision'](#)
- Singapore** – has issued an update entitled ['Maritime Labour Convention: Update on Certificate of Authorisation for Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services \(SRPS\)'](#).

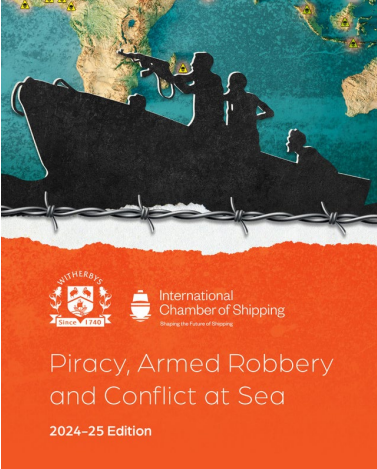
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- The American Club** – has released an update entitled ['SDARI, BV and NAPA Joint Project Validates Benefits of 3D Model-based Classification Approvals'](#).
- DNV** – has published an update entitled ['Preparing for the EU ETS - next steps'](#).
- China Classification Society** – has issued an update entitled ['Guidelines for Fatigue Strength Assessment Based on Fracture Mechanics Methodology 2023'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['Customs Officers Strike in Brazil'](#)
 - ['The 2024 American Club Renewal, Requirements for the 2024 Policy Year'](#)
- GARD** – has published two updates:
 - ['Red Sea - situation update'](#)
 - ['Preventing accidents when clearing shore pipelines'](#)
- Britannia P&I** – has issued an update entitled ['Maritime Labour Convention Updates'](#).
- UK P&I** – has released an update entitled ['Israel-Hamas War: Ports Situation Update'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ICS** – has issued an update entitled ['Simplified Global GHG Fuel Standard for Marine Fuels Put Forward to Help Meet Net Zero Target'](#).
- IIMS** – has released two updates:
 - ['AMSA has published new guidance on the risks associated with the carriage of battery electric vehicles'](#)
 - ['Towing and mooring equipment regulation effective from January 2024'](#)
- EMSA** – has published an update entitled ['Alternative Fuels and Sources of Power'](#).

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

- A 33/17(a)** – **23/11/2023** – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.
- CCC 9/14** – **22/11/2023** – REPORT TO THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE.
- ISWG-GHG 16/2** – **22/11/2023** – FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANDIDATE MID-TERM MEASURE(S) IN THE CONTEXT OF PHASE III OF THE WORK PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MID- AND LONG-TERM MEASURES.
- Circular Letter No.4808** – **22/11/2023** – Establishment of the third round of the Sustainable Maritime Transport Training Programme to support the implementation of the IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (GHG-SMART).
- Circular Letter No.4810** – **22/11/2023** – Nomination of candidates: Master's Programme at the World Maritime University, Sweden, September 2024 to November 2025.
- MSC 108/4/1** – **22/11/2023** – DEVELOPMENT OF A GOAL-BASED INSTRUMENT FOR MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SURFACE SHIPS (MASS).
- HTW 10/3/2/Add.1** – **22/11/2023** – VALIDATED MODEL TRAINING COURSES.
- HTW 10/3/1/Add.1** – **22/11/2023** – VALIDATED MODEL TRAINING COURSES.
- HTW 10/INF.4** – **22/11/2023** – COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE 1978 STCW CONVENTION AND CODE.
- ILO/IMO JTWG-SIHE 2/4** – **22/11/2023** – CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT STCW TRAINING PROVISIONS TO ADDRESS BULLYING AND HARASSMENT IN THE MARITIME SECTOR, INCLUDING SASH, FOR ADVICE TO THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE.

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

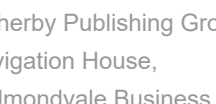
List of amendments expected to enter into force this year and in the coming years

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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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