

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

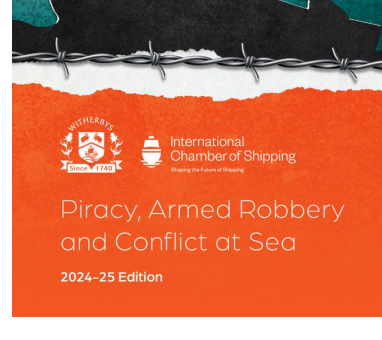
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Liberia** – has published two updates:
 - ['Operational/Safety Checklist For SOLAS 1974, As Amended, Requirements'](#)
 - ['Procedures For Changing Cargo Tank Pressures On Existing Liquefied Gas Carriers'](#)
- Panama** – has released two updates:
 - ['Paris MoU, Circular 104 - Residual Covid-19 Issues to Ballast Water Management \(BWM\)'](#)
 - ['Maritime Labour Certificate \(MLC\) - Certification Process - Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended \(MLC\)'](#)

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Navigation and Security News

- ['About 190 Migrants Rescued in English Channel Over Weekend'](#)
- ['Panama Canal Has Gotten So Dry and Backed Up After Brutal Drought That Shippers Are Paying Up to \\$4m to Jump the Queue'](#)
- ['Suez Canal aims to be the new hotspot for alternative fuel bunkering'](#)
- ['Greek Shipping Giant Warns Panama Canal Chaos May Hit Suez'](#)
- ['One incident of armed robbery 28 November – 4 December'](#)
- ['American warship shields British ships during missile attack'](#)
- ['Somali maritime police intensify patrols as fears grow of resurgence of piracy in the Gulf of Aden'](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has released an update entitled ['IACS Unified Requirements on Cyber Resilience'](#).
- Bureau Veritas** – has issued an update entitled ['Modernization of GMDSS – Entry Into Force on 1 January 2024 of Amended SOLAS Chapter IV'](#).
- China Classification Society** – has published an update entitled ['Rules For Classification of Sea-going Steel Ships 2024'](#).
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled ['Provisions on the Supervision and Administration of Vessels under Special Follow-up by Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China'](#).
- Lloyd's Register** – has issued three updates:
 - ['Steel Demand and Emissions in Shipping 2024-2050'](#)
 - ['Future IMO and ILO Legislation Autumn 2023'](#)
 - ['IMO meetings and future legislation'](#)
- ClassNK** – has published an update entitled ['Amendment of IMO's Guidelines for the Development of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials regarding Ship Recycling Convention'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- United States Temporarily Authorizes Transactions Involving Oil, Gas and Gold in Venezuela:**
 - [The American Club](#)
 - [GARD](#)
 - [SKULD](#)
 - [Britannia P&I](#)
 - [Japan P&I Club](#)
 - [The Shipowners' Club](#)
 - [The Swedish Club](#)
 - [UK P&I](#)
- The American Club** – has released an update entitled ['US Coast Guard \(USCG\) Policy Letters on Combating Sexual Assault and Sexual Harrassment \(SASH\) in the Maritime Industry'](#).
- GARD** – has published an update entitled ['Limitation of Liability – Lessons From the MSC Flaminia'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has issued an update entitled ['China – The Reference Routes for Common Navigation Methods between Lianyungang-Ganyu-Lanshan'](#).
- West** – has released an update entitled ['Mercuria Energy Trading PTE V Raphael Cotoner Investments LTD \(The "Afra Oak"\) 2023'](#).
- UK P&I** – has published four updates:
 - ['Risk Focus: Tugs and Barges'](#)
 - ['Legal Update: Reporting Requirements for Sexual Misconduct on US-Flagged Vessels'](#)
 - ['Israel-Hamas War: Ports Situation Update'](#)
 - ['"Look Out Below": Slips, Trips, Falls and Snap-back Zones'](#)

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- OCIMF** – has released the December 2024 Newsletter ['Issue 129'](#).
- IIMS** – has released two updates:
 - ['Addressing the Surge in Engine Room Fires on Container Ships'](#)
 - ['Risk Focus: Tugs and Barges by the UK P&I Club'](#)
- EMSA** – has published two updates:
 - ['CMOROC Final Report - Identification of Competences for MASS Operators in Remote Operations Centres'](#)
 - ['Newsletter December 2023'](#)
- Paris MoU** – has released an update entitled ['Focused Inspection Campaign on Pilot Transfer Arrangements'](#).
- IMPA** – has published an update entitled ['Safety Campaign Results 2023'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- New Zealand** – The Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) has released an [investigation report](#) into two stevedoring accidents that occurred during loading operations. Both incidents resulted in fatalities.

Recent IMO Circulars

- SSE 10/12/5 – 06/12/2023** – Unified Interpretation of Provisions of IMO Safety, Security and Environment-related Conventions.
- SSE 10/14/1 – 06/12/2023** – Comprehensive Review of the Requirements for Maintenance, Thorough Examination, Operational Testing, Overhaul and Repair of Lifeboats and Rescue Boats, Launching Appliances and Release Gear (Resolution MSC.402(96)) to Address Challenges With Their Implementation.
- PPR 11/17 – 06/12/2023** – Any Other Business.
- SDC 10/8/1 – 06/12/2023** – Revision of SOLAS Chapters II-1 (Part C) and V, and Related Instruments Regarding Steering and Propulsion Requirements, to Address Both Traditional and Non-traditional Propulsion and Steering Systems.
- A 33/6(b)/1 – 05/12/2023** – Consideration of the Reports of the Committees of the Assembly.
- A 33/6(b) – 05/12/2023** – Consideration of the Reports of the Committees of the Assembly.
- A 33/1/1/Rev.3 – 05/12/2023** – Adoption of the Agenda.
- GHG-EW 4/3 – 05/12/2023** – Expert Views on Sustainability Aspects in the IMO LCA Framework, Including Possible Approaches to Operationalize a Risk-based Approach for Indirect Land Use Change (LLUC).
- PPR 11/13 – 05/12/2023** – Follow-up Work Emanating From the Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter From Ships.
- PPR 11/3 – 29/11/2023** – Safety and Pollution Hazards of Chemicals and Preparation of Consequential Amendments to the IBC Code.

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

- 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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