

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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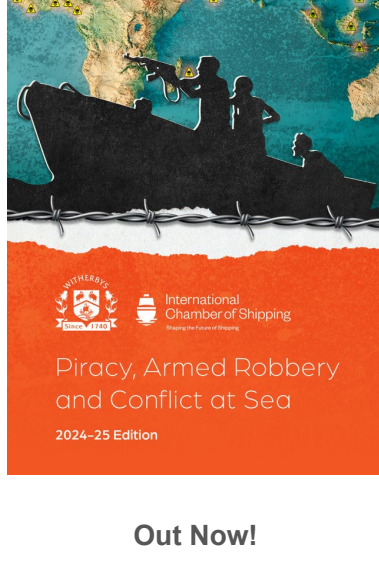
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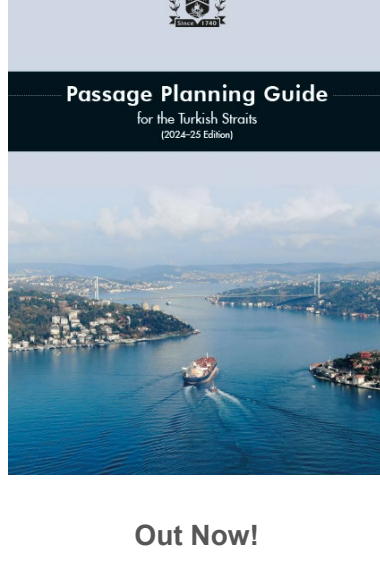
Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Liberia** – has published three updates:
 - ['Security Situation in the Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden'](#)
 - ['List of Approved P&I Clubs and Insurance Companies'](#)
 - ['Consolidated List of Fees and Charges for Official Documents and Services'](#)
- UK** – has released two updates:
 - ['Amendments to International Conventions and Mandatory Instruments - Requirements for Watertight Doors on Cargo Ships'](#)
 - ['Amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-1 with an entry into force date of 1 January 2024'](#)
- Panama** – has issued four updates:
 - ['MOU Annual Safety Inspection Program'](#)
 - ['Fishing Vessels and Other Ships Engaged in Activities and Support of Capturing Fishing Resources Operations'](#)
 - ['Food and catering - Regulation 3.2, Standard A3.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended \(MLC, 2006, as amended\)'](#)
 - ['Adoption and regulation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended \(1978 STCW Convention, as amended\) and its STCW Code'](#)
- Cyprus** – has published an update entitled ['Updating Shipborne Navigation and Communication Equipment \(IMO MSC.1/CIRC.1460/Rev.4 Dated 30 June 2023\)'](#)

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Navigation and Security News

- ['Suez Canal Authority Monitoring Tensions in Red Sea'](#). (*Marine Link*)
- ['Global trade shudders over blockages in the Suez and Panama canals'](#). (*Financial Times*)
- ['U.S. refiners cut gasoline export prices on Panama Canal drought'](#). (*Reuters*)
- ['Shipping Is Halted In The Red Sea And At The Suez Canal'](#). (*Forbes*)
- ['WSC says Operation Prosperity Guardian to aid maritime security amid Red Sea attacks'](#). (*S&P Global*)
- ['Uni-Tankers ship suffers fire after being hit by Houthi missile as Red Sea attacks continue'](#). (*TradeWinds*)
- ['Drug-sniffing dog finds €21m of cocaine on Navibulgar bulker'](#). (*TradeWinds*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- Lloyd's Register** – has released three updates:
 - ['Statutory Alert: Delays in Implementation of GMDSS Radiocommunications Equipment Performance Standards'](#)
 - ['Statutory Alert: Revised SOLAS Radiocommunications GMDSS Requirements'](#)
 - ['Statutory Alert: Reporting use of Overridable Power Limitation'](#)
- American Bureau of Shipping** – has published an update entitled ['IACS Unified Requirements on Cyber Resilience'](#)
- ClassNK** – has issued two updates:
 - ['Application of IMSBC Code 7th Amendment'](#)
 - ['Compliance with the Ship Recycling Convention / Regulation \(EU\) No. 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling \(EUSRR\)- For Liberian flagged vessels'](#)

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- GARD** – has released two updates:
 - ['New Guide for Vessels Calling at Ports in Senegal'](#)
 - ['Coal Cargoes: Avoiding Explosion and Self-heating'](#)
- SKULD** – has published an update entitled ['Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea'](#)
- The American Club** – has issued an update entitled ['Port of Conakry, Guinea Remains Closed'](#)
- Japan P&I Club** – has released an update entitled ['Offices Closed'](#)
- Britannia P&I Club** – has published two updates:
 - ['Senegal Country Guide'](#)
 - ['Operating in Icy Conditions'](#)
- The Shipowners' Club** – has issued an update entitled ['Safety and Tech Developments in Marinised Batteries'](#)
- The Swedish Club** – has released an update entitled ['MSS Case December: AB was hit during RoRo cargo operation'](#)
- UK P&I** – has published an update entitled ['Interim industry transit advice for Southern Red Sea and Gulf of Aden'](#)
- West** – has issued two updates:
 - ['SOLAS - IMSBC Code 2023 Edition \(Amendment 07-23\)'](#)
 - ['Djibouti - Port Authorities Crackdown on Air Pollution from Vessels'](#)

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- IIMS** – has released four updates:
 - ['Enclosed Spaces on Ships Claim the Lives of Eight People in One Week'](#)
 - ['Coal Cargoes: Safety Protocols for Managing Methane Emission Risks'](#)
 - ['Draft survey practical guidance published by Britannia P&I Club'](#)
 - ['Seadogz report – An accident waiting to happen is MAIB finding into fatal RIB crash'](#)
- UK Chamber of Shipping** – has released an update entitled ['Chamber Welcomes Prudent and Safety Centric Seabed Leasing for Offshore Wind'](#)

Recent Accident Reports

- Germany** – Federal Bureau of Maritime Casualty Investigation has released an [investigation report](#) concerning an Allision between the tug vessel *FAIRPLAY 82* and Old Kattwyk bridge, Hamburg, Germany. After the tug was stood down from escorting the bulk carrier *TANG LAND* the tug picked up speed and sailed towards the Old Kattwyk bridge, which was still lowered. The tug's wheelhouse was almost completely destroyed. The three members of crew were all treated for minor injuries.

Recent IMO Circulars

- MEPC 81/4/4 – 21/12/2023** – Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ballast Water.
- PPR 11/7/3 – 21/12/2023** – Evaluation and Harmonization of Rules and Guidance on the Discharge of Discharge Water From EGCS into the Aquatic Environment, Including Conditions and Areas.
- PPR 11/13/3 – 20/12/2023** – Follow-up Work Emanating From the Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter From Ships.
- PPR 11/INF.11 – 20/12/2023** – Evaluation and Harmonization of Rules and Guidance on the Discharge of Discharge Water From EGCS into the Aquatic Environment, Including Conditions and Areas.
- MEPC 81/4/2 – 20/12/2023** – Harmful Aquatic Organisms in Ballast Water.
- HTW 10/6/11 – 20/12/2023** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- E&T 40/1 – 20/12/2023** – Provisional Agenda.
- SSE 10/INF.2 – 20/12/2023** – Evaluation of Adequacy of Fire Protection, Detection and Extinction Arrangements in Vehicle, Special Category and Ro-Ro Spaces in Order to Reduce the Fire Risk of Ships Carrying New Energy Vehicles.
- PPR 11/INF.9 – 20/12/2023** – Any Other Business.
- PPR 11/INF.13 – 20/12/2023** – Revision of MARPOL Annex IV and Associated Guidelines.

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

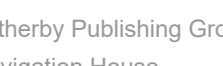
List of amendments expected to enter into force this year and in the coming years

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released the programme of meetings 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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