

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 29, 2025 – Friday 18th July

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has published an update entitled '['MGN 532 \(M\) Amendment 4 safe movement on board ship'](#)'.
- US** – has published an update entitled '['Marine Safety Alert 14-25 Lithium-Ion \(LI-ION\) Battery System Installations'](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - ['ISP-003 - Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships'](#)
 - ['Marine Security Advisory – 09/2023-Rev.11 Security Situation in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea'](#).
- Bahamas** – has released two updates:
 - ['TA 25-02 United States Coast Guard QUALSHIP 21 & E-Zero Program'](#)
 - ['TA 25-03 Russia and Ukraine'](#).
- Marshall Islands** – has published an update entitled '['MG 5-34-6 Yacht Compliance Preparedness'](#)'.
- Singapore** – has published an update entitled '['Shipping Circular No. 04 of 2025 Resolutions Adopted by the 83rd Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee \(MEPC 83\) of the International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)'](#)'.
- Cyprus** – has published an update entitled '['Circular 18/2025 Cyprus Tonnage Tax System \(Law 44\(I\)/2010 as amended\): Flags which appear on the Grey List and Black List of the Paris MOU applicable for the Fiscal Year 2025'](#)'.

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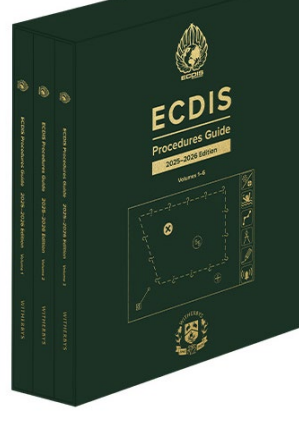
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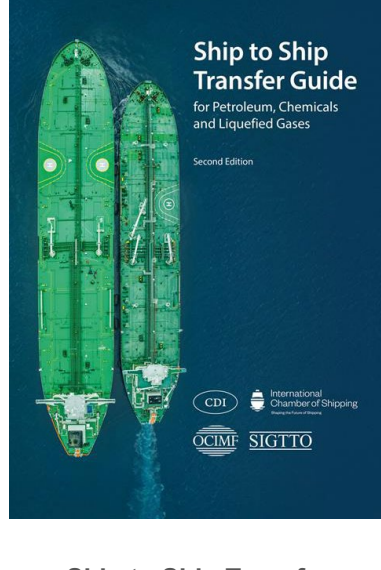
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Navigation and Security News

- ['JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['Court Suspends French Riviera's Attempt to Ban Large Cruise Ships' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Indonesian authorities arrest pirate group in Riau Islands' \(SAFETY4SEA\)](#)
- ['Securing Maritime Operations With Cybersecurity Fundamentals' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Year-round Hudson Bay shipping gains momentum' \(Splash 24/7\)](#)
- ['Tug sinks following collision with containership at Spain's Barcelona Port' \(Baird Maritime\)](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- China Classification Society** – has published an update entitled '['Rules for Green-eco Ships Change Notice Version 2025, RCN No.1'](#)'.
- ClassNK** – has published an update entitled '['Publication of the latest Rules and Guidance on our website'](#)'.
- DNV** – has published an update entitled '['Key IMO safety developments'](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- The American Club** – has published an update entitled '['Circular No. 19/25 - Sanctions Update - U.S. Removes Most Sanctions Related to Syria'](#)'.
- Gard** – has released four updates:
 - ['9/2025: New International Group of P&I Clubs \(IG\) and China Diving & Salvage \(CDSA\) SPRO Agreement'](#)
 - ['Philippines DMW Advisory for the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden'](#)
 - ['Red Sea update: Resumption of Houthi campaign'](#)
 - ['New biofouling regulations in Brazil'](#).
- SKULD** – has published an update entitled '['Ship Pollution Response Organisation \(SPRO\) Agreements in China – New International Group of P&I Clubs \(IG\) and China Diving & Salvage \(CDSA\) SPRO Agreement'](#)'.
- Britannia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Britannia Loss Prevention Webinar: Addressing the Challenges of Shipping's Evolving Emissions Regulations'](#)
 - ['OSPAR Commission to Ban Scrubber Wash Water Discharges from Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems \(EGCS\)'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['Ship Handling in Rough Seas'](#)
 - ['IMB piracy and armed robbery report for January – June 2025'](#)
- NorthStandard** – has published an update entitled '['Brazilian Navy updates regulations on biofouling to align with the 2023 IMO Biofouling Guidelines'](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- SIGTTO** – has published an update entitled '['SIGTTO Spring Newsletter - Issue 52'](#)'.
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released three updates:
 - ['Isle of Man Ship Registry's 2024 Casualty report'](#)
 - ['PSC CIC on ballast water management'](#)
 - ['India DGS: Marine Safety Investigation Report 2024 published'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- Canada** – On 2nd July 2023, there was a collision between the ferry 'Svanoy' and a pleasure craft in Saint-Joseph-de-la-Rive, Canada which resulted in the sinking of the pleasure craft. There were no casualties. Neither the Master nor the pleasure craft operator followed COLREGs guidelines for limited visibility weather. Read the full report [here](#).
- Sweden** – On 4th October 2024, there was a near-collision between the passenger vessels 'Eskil' and 'Baltic Princess' in Stockholm, Sweden. There were no casualties, and the cause for the accident was deemed to be the high workload the Master was under, which distracted him from conducting a proper lookout. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- CCC 11/3/5 – 17/07/2025** – Amendments to the IGF Code and Development of Guidelines for Alternative Fuels and Related Technologies.
- CCC 11/6/2 – 16/07/2025** – Amendments to the IMDG Code and Supplements.
- CCC 11/5/3 – 16/07/2025** – Any Other Business.
- MSC.1/Circ.1693 – 15/07/2025** – Unified Interpretations of Paragraphs 6.1.1.3 and 6.1.2.2 of the LSA Code.
- MSC.1/Circ.1694 – 15/07/2025** – Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2, and the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes.
- MSC.1/Circ.1695 – 15/07/2025** – Unified Interpretations of the FSS Code.
- CCC 11/2 – 15/07/2025** – Decisions of Other IMO Bodies.
- CCC 11/5/9 – 15/06/2025** – Amendments to the IMSBC Code and Supplements.
- Circular Letter No.5052 – 15/06/2025** – Senior Professional Position.
- CCC 11/7 – 15/06/2025** – Revision of the Revised Guidelines for the Preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual (MSC.1/Circ.1353/Rev.2) to Include a Harmonized Performance Standard for Lashing Software to Permit Lashing Software as a Supplement to the Cargo Securing Manual.

List of Amendments Expected to Enter into Force This Year and in the Coming Years

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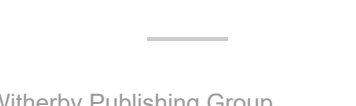
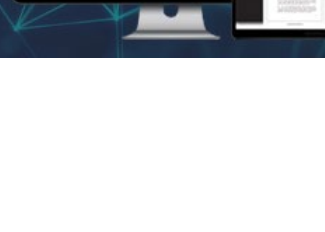
A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released the programme of meetings for 2025. Please see the IMO's '[Meeting Summaries](#)' webpage for more information.

- 21-25 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)
- 08-12 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 13-17 October – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 27-31 October – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 20-21 November – IMO Council
- 24 November-03 December – IMO Assembly
- 04 December – IMO Council



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