

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

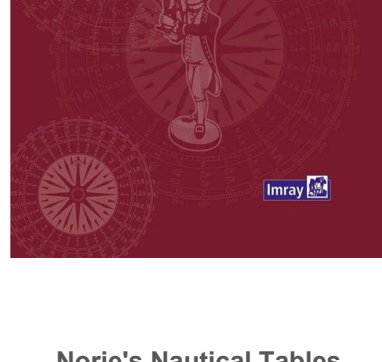
- **UK** – has released two updates:
 - ['MGN 636 \(M+F\) Amendment 4 health and safety at work regulations 1997'](#)
 - ['MGN 447 \(M+F\) Amendment 4 control of noise at work - seeking exemptions'](#)
- **US** – has published an update entitled '[Safety Alert 16-25 Lookout for Green Patina Build-up on High Pressure Water Mist Nozzles](#)'.
- **Liberia** – has published an update entitled '[Marine Advisory: 17/2025 Guidelines for test-bed and onboard measurements of methane \(CH4\) and/or nitrous oxide \(N2O\) emissions from marine diesel engines](#)'.
- **Panama** – has released two updates:
 - ['MMN-11/2024 Panama Flag Precheck Process'](#)
 - ['MMN-05/2025 Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) 2025 - The Tokyo and Paris MOUs on Ballast Water Management \(BWM\)'](#)
- **Malta** – has published an update entitled '[MSN 196 - 18th Russia Sanctions Package](#)'.

New from Witherbys

Published June 2025

Due August 2025

Due September 2025



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Navigation and Security News

- ['JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['UK MCA: Watchkeeping practices for enhanced navigational safety' \(SAFETY4SEA\)](#)
- ['Coast Guard offloads more than \\$74 million in illicit drugs interdicted in the Eastern Pacific' \(USCG\)](#)
- ['Greek Police Arrest Six Port Employees for Smuggling in Piraeus' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['Malaysia detains tanker for illegal anchoring' \(SAFETY4SEA\)](#)
- ['Canada Designates First Zones for Offshore Wind Energy off Nova Scotia' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **American Bureau of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[Requirements for the Certification of Offshore Mooring Chain](#)'.
- **Bureau Veritas** – has published an update entitled '[NR526 - Rules for the certification of lifting appliances onboard ships and offshore units](#)'.
- **DNV** – has published an update entitled '[Ban on discharge of water from open loop EGCSS in coastal waters of the north-west Europe from 1 July 2027](#)'.
- **Indian Register of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[022/2025: US Coast Guard Safety Alert on Lithium-Ion Battery Installation](#)'.
- **Korean Register** – has released two updates:
 - ['Advance notice on the draft amendments of the Classification Technical Rules \(Rule/Guidance Pt 1 etc.\)'](#)
 - ['Prohibition on the use and storage of fire-extinguishing media containing PFOS'](#)
- **Lloyd's Register** – has released three updates:
 - ['15/2025: Mandatory Update for Ship-to-Ship Operations Plan for Panama Flagged Oil Tankers'](#)
 - ['25/2024: Clarifying "Under Way" vs "Not Under Way" in SEEMP Part II Fuel Reporting'](#)
 - ['16/2025: Prohibition of use of PFOS in fire extinguishing media'](#)
- **ClassNK** – has released three updates:
 - ['TEC-1357 Compliance with new requirements for Lifting appliances in accordance with the Amendments to SOLAS II-1'](#)
 - ['TEC-1356 Amendments to the requirement for portable fire extinguishers on ships subject to the IGF Code'](#)
 - ['Draft amendments of the Rules and Guidance approved at the 3rd Meeting of the 2025 Technical Committee are now available on our website'](#)
- **IMO III-11**
 - [American Bureau of Shipping](#)
 - [Bureau Veritas](#)
 - [DNV](#)

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['Good Catch Update: Bad Assumptions Cause a Bad Incident - Over-Reliance on Vessel Traffic Service \(VTS\)'](#)
 - ['Circular No.20/25 - Recent European Union \(EU\) and United Kingdom \(UK\) Sanctions Imposed Against Russia'](#)
- **Gard** – has released two updates:
 - ['10/2025: Recent EU and UK sanctions imposed against Russia - EU 18th sanctions package'](#)
 - ['Towage and 'certificates of safe delivery''](#)
- **SKULD** – has released two updates:
 - ['INSIGHT: Russia Sanctions'](#)
 - ['Recent UK and EU sanctions imposed against Russia: EU's 18th sanctions package'](#)
- **Britannia** – has published an update entitled '[Recent EU and UK sanctions imposed against Russia & EU 18th sanctions package](#)'.
- **Japan P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - ['BIMCO USTR Clause for Time Charter Parties 2025'](#)
 - ['Recent EU and UK sanctions imposed against Russia'](#)
- **NorthStandard** – has released five updates:
 - ['The EU's 18th sanctions package against Russia and recent UK sanctions'](#)
 - ['Brazilian Navy updates regulations on biofouling to align with the 2023 IMO Biofouling Guidelines'](#)
 - ['MARPOL Annex VI: Shipboard Energy Efficiency Management Plan \(SEEMP\) updates'](#)
 - ['Ceyhan Turkey - Issues due to contaminated oil cargo'](#)
 - ['Fines in Djibouti'](#)
 - And [more](#).
- **Shipowners' Club** – has published an update entitled '[Sustainable Ship Recycling](#)'.
- **UK P&I** – has published an update entitled '[Circular 14/25: Recent EU and UK sanctions imposed against Russia](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- **UK Chamber of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[Navigating New Waters: the Impact of the UK-India Free Trade Agreement on Maritime Services](#)'.
- **SIGTTO** – has published an update entitled '[SIGTTO Appoints New Vice President](#)'.
- **International Chamber of Shipping** – has published an update entitled '[José Alberto Carbonell: Rising to challenges and investing in the future](#)'.
- **International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has published an update entitled '[Allianz Safety and Shipping Review 2025](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- **US** – On 9th May 2024, there was an incident on the Mississippi River when the towing vessel '[Joe B. Wyatt](#)' made contact with the Fort Madison Bridge protection cell and fender near Fort Madison, Iowa. There were no casualties or pollution. The investigation determined that the pilot diverted too far off the sailing line to compensate for anticipated currents. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- **Circular Letter No.5059 – 31/07/2025** – Live-launch of IMO Technical Cooperation Portal (TC Portal).
- **C 134/INF.1 – 29/07/2025** – List of Participants.
- **HTW 12/6/1 – 29/07/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- **MSC 108/20/Add.1/Corr.1 – 29/07/2025** – Report of the Maritime Safety Committee on its 108th Session.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1601/Rev.2 – 28/07/2025** – Revised Industry Counter Piracy Guidance.
- **LC 47/15 – 28/07/2025** – Administrative Arrangements and Future Work.
- **LC 47/7/1 – 28/07/2025** – Compliance Issues.
- **CCC 11/1/2 – 28/07/2025** – Adoption of the Agenda.
- **MEPC/ES.2/2/2 – 25/07/2025** – Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.

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.

- 08-12 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 14-17 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)
- 19-21 November – IMO Council
- 24 November-03 December – IMO Assembly
- 04 December – IMO Council

