

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 39, 2025 – Friday 26th September
View this email as a PDF [here](#)

Forward this Email

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has released six updates:
 - ['MGN 658 \(M+F\) Amendment 1 \(Control of Noise at Work\) Regs 2007'](#)
 - ['MGN 486\(M+F\) Amendment 3 access to shore based welfare facilities'](#)
 - ['MGN 123 \(M+F\) Amendment 1 certificates of discharge'](#)
 - ['MIN 726 \(M+F\) Life raft weight compliance based on keel laying date'](#)
 - ['MGN 353 \(M+F\) Amendment 3 \(control of vibration at work\) Regs 2007'](#)
 - ['MSN 1838 \(M\) Amendment 2 MLC, 2006 Minimum Age'](#).
- Australia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Radiocommunications \(Maritime Ship Station\) Class Licence 2025'](#)
 - ['Radiocommunications Licence Conditions \(Maritime Coast Licence\) Determination 2025'](#).
- Liberia** – has released four updates:
 - ['Marine Advisory: 29/2025 Guideline for the prevention of collision between merchant vessels and fishing vessels in coastal waters of China'](#)
 - ['POL-009 Rev. 09/25 Implementation of the 2021 Revised MARPOL Annex VI. Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships'](#)
 - ['TEC-011 Rev. 09/25 Technical Letters'](#)
 - ['Marine Advisory: 30/2025 \(Revised\) Requirements for the Registration of Medical Practitioners'](#).
- Marshall Islands** – has released three updates:
 - ['MN-2-013-8 Rev. Sep/2025 MARPOL Annex VI, Chapter 3 – Requirements for Control of Emissions from Ships'](#)
 - ['MG-2-11-15 Rev. Sep/2025 Organizations Acting on Behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator'](#)
 - ['MSA-10-25 Vessels Navigating in the Coastal Waters of China'](#).
- Panama** – has published an update entitled ['MMN-09/2025 Panama Flag Vessels: Recommendation to Review New Maritime Guidance Issued by the China MSA \(Maritime Safety Administration\)'](#).
- Singapore** – has published an update entitled ['Shipping Circular No. 8 of 2025 - Safety Advisories for Vessels Navigating China's Coastal Waters'](#).
- Cyprus** – has published an update entitled ['Circular No. 24/2025 Digital Certificates for Seafarers issued by the Republic of Cyprus'](#).

New from Witherbys

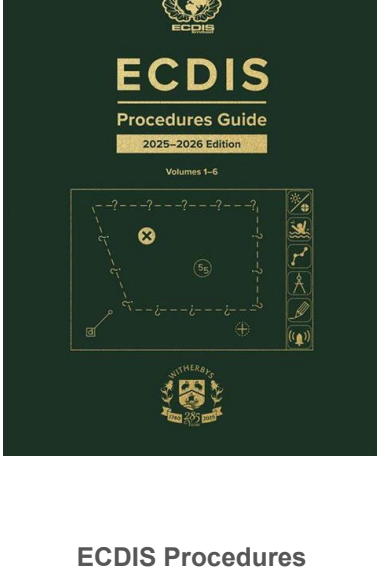
Out September 2025



Ship to Ship Transfer
Guide for Petroleum,
Chemicals and
Liquefied Gases –
Second Edition

Order Here

Out September 2025



ECDIS Procedures
Guide, 2025-2026
Edition - Volumes 1-6

Order Here

Out September 2025



Cyber Security
Workbook for On Board
Ship Use - 7th Edition
2026

Order Here

Navigation and Security News

- ['JMIC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East' \(UKMTO\)](#)
- ['Sea Legend launches first direct China-Europe sea route via Arctic' \(Baird Maritime\)](#)
- ['Customs Officers Arrested and Containers of Illegal Goods Seized at Piraeus' \(The Maritime Executive\)](#)
- ['UKMTO reports explosion near vessel in the Gulf of Aden' \(Safety4Sea\)](#)
- ['Tanzanian-flagged Cargo Ship Runs Aground Off Turkey, Crew Airlifted By Helicopter' \(Marine Insight\)](#)
- ['UN High Seas Treaty to enter into force starting January 2026' \(Safety4Sea\)](#)
- ['12 injured after cargo ship strikes ferry in Bosphorus Strait' \(Baird Maritime\)](#)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- Bureau Veritas** – has published an update entitled ['NI692 Guidelines for Machine Learning Systems'](#).
- China Classification Society** – has published an update entitled ['Rule Change Notice for Rules for Ships Using Natural Gas Fuel \(R014CN01-2025\)'](#).
- Korean Register** – has released two updates:
 - ['Revision of “Guideline of Structural Assessment for Liquefied Gas Carriers with Type A and B Prismatic Tanks”'](#)
 - ['9.211 Notice for amendment of KR Technical Rules \(Rules/Guidance for the Classification of Steel Ships, Pt 1&Pt 8/Rules for the Classification of Ships Using LFF / Guidance for Approval of Service Suppliers\)'](#).
- Lloyd's Register** – has published an update entitled ['Fuel for thought: Biofuel for Yachts'](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Gard** – has released two updates:
 - ['Ship source pollution – learning from experience'](#)
 - ['Harassment on board: A trauma-informed approach'](#).
- Skuld** – has released two updates:
 - ['Helmsman practices'](#)
 - ['INSIGHT: Syria Sanctions'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has published an update entitled ['Requirements for Prohibition of Fire-extinguishing Media Containing Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid \(PFOS\)'](#).
- NorthStandard** – has released four updates:
 - ['Anchor Handling Winches – Incoming New Requirements'](#)
 - ['Ecuadorian Moth Infestation Prompts Stricter Entry Protocols at Chilean Ports'](#)
 - ['China: Correspondents' advice on maritime-related risks'](#)
 - ['UKMPA Launches Interactive Tool to Boost Pilot Transfer Safety'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- International Chamber of Shipping** – has published an update entitled ['Progress towards smarter borders and greener trade'](#).
- ICC Commercial Crime Services** – has published an update entitled ['ICC FraudNet launches new Global Annual Report on Fraud and Asset Recovery'](#).
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released three updates:
 - ['New guidelines to enhance efficiency of container stowage'](#)
 - ['Preventing the next lithium fire at sea: A data-driven blueprint for safer transportation'](#)
 - ['P&I Market Review: Fires are biggest cause of major losses'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- UK** – On 19th September 2021, the RoRo cargo ship *'Finnmaster'* suffered an auxiliary engine room fire as it was departing the port of Hull, England. There were no casualties or pollution. The Finland registered ship lost power and the engine room was significantly damaged, but the fire was extinguished and the ship safely re-berthed with the assistance of tugs. The investigation found that unapproved modifications had been made to the auxiliary engine, leading to the fire and resulting loss of power. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- Circular Letter No.5057 – 25/09/2025** – IMO Member State Audit Scheme - Consolidated Audit Summary Report (CASR).
- HTW 12/6/2 – 25/09/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- PMP.7/Circ.88 – 24/09/2025** – Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI Resolution MEPC.328(76).
- PMP.5/Circ.90 – 24/09/2025** – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto Amendments to MARPOL Annex V Resolution MEPC.360(79).
- PMP.1/Circ.233 – 24/09/2025** – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto Amendments to MARPOL Annexes I and IV Resolution MEPC.330(76).
- A 34/20(a) – 24/09/2025** – Global Annual Training Institutions.
- A 34/13 – 24/09/2025** – Consideration of the Reports and Recommendations of the Legal Committee.
- NC SR 13/1 – 24/09/2025** – Provisional Agenda.
- Circular Letter No.5057 – 24/09/2025** – Thirteenth Session f the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (22 to 26 June 2026).
- Circular Letter No.5057 – 24/09/2025** – Entry into the United Kingdom for Official Business at the Premises of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

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

PDF Download

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.

- 14-17 October – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 27-31 October – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 19-21 November – IMO Council
- 24 November-03 December – IMO Assembly
- 04 December – IMO Council
- 19-23 January – Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC)
- 09-13 February – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
- 23-26 February – Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW)
- 09-13 March – Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE)
- 23-27 March – Facilitation Committee (FAL)

WITHERBY

CONNECT

The maritime industry library that is accessible from your browser, used on board over 40,000 vessels.



WITHERBYS

285 Years

Witherby Publishing Group
Navigation House
3 Almondvale Business Park
Almondvale Way
Livingstone
EH54 6GA
United Kingdom

You are receiving this email because you signed up to receive our weekly SR&G update.

[Preferences](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)