

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has released four updates:
 - [‘MIN 680 \(M\) Amendment 1 wellbeing at sea’](#)
 - [‘MGN 582 \(F\) Amendment 1 ILO work in fishing convention, 2007 - financial security’](#)
 - [‘MGN 583 \(F\) Amendment 2 ILO Work in fishing convention - fishermen’s work agreements’](#)
 - [‘MGN 587 \(F\) Amendment 2 ILO health and safety responsibilities’](#).
- Norway** – has published an update entitled [‘RSR 10 - 2025 Amendments to Regulations on marine equipment – updated table’](#).
- US** – has published an update entitled [‘MSA 17-25 Parasail Operations: Inclement Weather and Emergency Situations’](#).
- Liberia** – has published an update entitled [‘MSB 11/2025 Piracy Incident in the Philippine Sea’](#).
- Singapore** – has released two updates:
 - [‘Port Marine Circular No. 12 of 2025 Notice of Non-renewal of Bunker Craft Operator Licence of Gea-alpha PTE LTD’](#)
 - [‘Port Marine Circular No. 11 of 2025 Notice of Non-renewal of Bunker Craft Operator Licence of Brightoil Petroleum \(S’pore\) PTE. LTD.’](#).
- Hong Kong** – has released five updates:
 - [‘MSIN No. 42/2025 - Unified Interpretations of the LSA Code’](#)
 - [‘MSIN No. 43/2025 - Unified Interpretations of SOLAS Chapter II-2, and the 1994 and 2000 HSC Codes’](#)
 - [‘MSIN No. 44/2025 - Unified Interpretation of the FSS Code’](#)
 - [‘MSIN No. 45/2025 - Revised Code of Practice for Atmospheric Oil Mist Detectors’](#)
 - [‘MSIN No. 47/2025 - Coming into Force of Hong Kong Legislation Implementing Amendments to Requirements of the BWM Convention’](#).

New from Witherbys

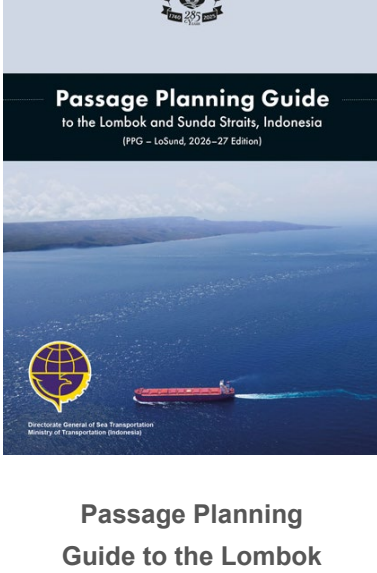
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Navigation and Security News

- [‘JMJC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East’](#) (*UKMTO*)
- [‘U.S. Divers Seize 8 Pounds Of Cocaine From Cargo Ship’s Hull In Miami’](#) (*Marine Insight*)
- [‘Cargo vessel struck by missile in Gulf of Aden, crew injured’](#) (*Safety4Sea*)
- [‘Italian Coast Guard detains vessel with serious hygiene deficiencies’](#) (*Safety4Sea*)
- [‘Panama Canal Extends Service Hours and Updates Transit Reservation System’](#) (*Panama Canal Authority*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has released three updates:
 - [‘Enhanced IMO DCS Reporting & SEEMP Updates’](#)
 - [‘Guidance Notes on Independent Third-Party \(I3P\) Services’](#)
 - [‘Guidance Notes on Passenger Vessel Statutory Requirements’](#).
- China Classification Society** – has released four updates:
 - [‘Guidelines for Certification of Ship Security System 2025’](#)
 - [‘Guidelines for Implementation of Inspections of Maritime 2025’](#)
 - [‘Guidelines for Certification of Safety Management System for Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention 2025’](#)
 - [‘Guidelines for Design and Installation of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems 2025’](#).
- Korean Register** – has released three updates:
 - [‘Notice for amendment of KR Technical Rules \(Rules and Guidance for the Classification of Steel Ships & Other Rules and Guidance\)’](#)
 - [‘\[2025-IMO-14\] Procedures for the use of e-BWRB under BWM Convention’](#)
 - [‘Advance notice on the drafts for establishment of the Classification Technical Rules \(Electric Part\)’](#).
- Lloyd’s Register** – has published an update entitled [‘Exploring the use of advanced micro-nuclear reactors in powering ships with Deployable Energy’](#).

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Gard** – has published an update entitled [‘Panama Canal Disruption Charges’](#).
- Skuld** – has released two updates:
 - [‘INSIGHT: Venezuela Sanctions’](#)
 - [‘Updated threats to shipping in the Red Sea’](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has published an update entitled [‘Cargo Securing of Containers’](#).
- NorthStandard** – has released three updates:
 - [‘No Scrubs: Countries and Ports where Restrictions on EGCS Discharges apply’](#)
 - [‘China: Correspondents’ advice on maritime-related risks’](#)
 - [‘Fire risk from scrap metal cargoes’](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- International Chamber of Shipping** – has published an update entitled [‘The International Chamber of Shipping opens new office in Singapore’](#).
- International Institute of Marine Surveying** – has released four updates:
 - [‘Canal & River Trust Annual Report 2024/25 published’](#)
 - [‘Guidelines for the safe inspection of methanol dual-fuel ships’](#)
 - [‘Report warns 90% of world’s major ports exposed to climate hazards’](#)
 - [‘AMSA issues safety bulletin highlighting improperly secured cargo’](#).
- European Maritime Safety Agency** – has released two updates:
 - [‘Multipurpose Maritime Operation 2025 in La Manche and the Southern North Sea concludes with strengthened cooperation and concrete results’](#)
 - [‘Underwater Services User Group meeting at EMSA’](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- UK** – On 22nd July 2024, the dive support vessel *‘Jean Elaine’* grounded while trying to exit Saint Peter’s Pool in Orkney, Scotland. There were no casualties. The investigation found that the vessel did not have a valid certificate for operating at the time, nor did the skipper. The electronic charts used by the skipper were also not up to MCA standard, and no passage planning was in place. Read the full report [here](#).
- Australia** – On 6th May 2025, three crew members were injured on board the oil tanker *‘Wisdom Venture’* while adrift off Sydney, New South Wales. The engineering team was starting maintenance work on the steam valve for the cargo heating system when residual condensate was released, burning the crew members in the vicinity. The investigation found various failings, including inadequate actions from the engineering team, unapproved and undocumented modifications. Read the full report [here](#).
- Marshall Islands** – On 16th March 2024, there was a marine casualty on board the bulk carrier *‘Nan Bei Hu’* while at anchorage in Rio Tuba, Philippines. While they were carrying out maintenance work on the hydraulic lines, the crew decided to start unplanned maintenance on the grab wire of one of the ship’s grabs. During the process, the half-closed grab, which had been lowered, unexpectedly opened and trapped a crew member, who subsequently died from his injuries. The investigation found various causes leading to the accident, including lack of familiarity with the equipment, inadequate risk assessment, and not following the company’s procedures. Read the full report [here](#).

Recent IMO Circulars

- COUNCIL.1-Circ.1-Rev.1 – 01/10/2025** – Rules of Procedures of the Council.
- LEG.1-Circ.17 – 01/10/2025** – Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee.
- MEPC.1-Circ.919 – 01/10/2025** – Rules of Procedure of the Marine Environment Protection Committee.
- ESPH 31/7 – 01/10/2025** – Amendments to MARPOL Annex II in Order to Improve the Effectiveness of Cargo Tank Stripping, Tank Washing Operations and Prewash Procedures for Products with a High Melting Point and/or High Viscosity.
- HTW 12/6/6 – 01/10/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- FAL 50/7 – 01/10/2025** – Review and Revision of the IMO Compendium on Facilitation and Electronic Business, Including Additional E-Business Solutions.
- HTW 12/10 – 01/10/2025** – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2027.
- ESPH 31/3/66 – 30/09/2025** – Evaluation of Products.
- MEPC 84/INF.3 – 30/09/2025** – Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.
- C 135/12 – 30/09/2025** – Report on the Status of Conventions.

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 plus the preliminary programme for Q1 2026. 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 1972) 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)

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