

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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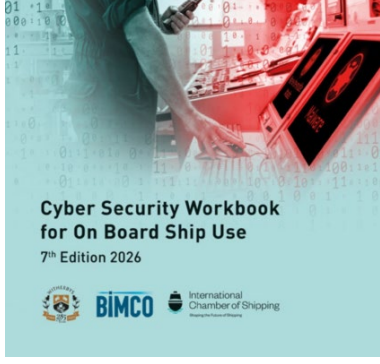
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- UK** – has released three updates:
 - '[MGN 485 \(M\) Amendment 1 MLC, 2006 -seafarer employment agreements application to trainees'](#)
 - '[MGN 602 \(M\) Amendment 1 MLC substantial equivalence for crew accommodation for 200GT to <500GT'](#)
 - '[MGN 446 \(M+F\) Amendment 3 \(control of vibration at work\) - exemptions'](#).
- Norway** – has published an update entitled '[Personal injury caused by use of line thrower](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released two updates:
 - '[MSB 12/2025 Vessel Attack in the Gulf of Aden](#)'
 - '[SAF-017 Rev. 10/25 Ships Using Low-Flashpoint Fuels](#)'.
- Bahamas** – has released seven updates:
 - '[Safety Alert 25-01 - Storage of Dry Ice](#)'
 - '[IN014 - Port State Control - Recurring Deficiencies](#)'
 - '[MN007 - Ship Recycling Requirements](#)'
 - '[MN009 - Electronic Record Keeping Systems](#)'
 - '[MN010 - MARPOL Electronic Record Books](#)'
 - '[MN011 - Lay up Requirements](#)'
 - '[MN093 - Port State Control Inspections](#)'.

New from Witherbys

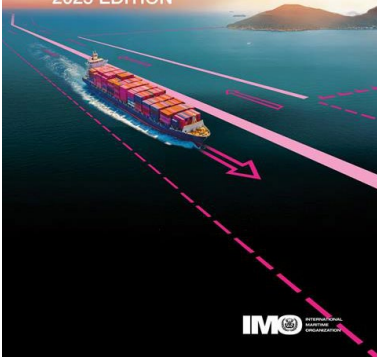
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Navigation and Security News

- '[JMJC Weekly Dashboard for the Middle East](#)' (*UKMTO*)
- '[With GPS 'malfunction' unresolved, Qatar opens waters to most maritime activities](#)' (*Riviera*)
- '[Huge cocaine bust off West Africa reveals growing organised crime networks](#)' (*DefenceWeb*)
- '[Cargo Ship 'Thamesborg' Remains Aground in Arctic as Icebreaker Arrives on Scene With Sea Ice Building](#)' (*gCaptain*)
- '[From the Caribbean to the Pacific: Piracy on the Rise in Latin America](#)' (*InSight Crime*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- American Bureau of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '[Requirements for Use of Lithium-ion Batteries in the Marine and Offshore Industries](#)'.
- Lloyd's Register** – has issued three updates:
 - '[SOLAS 2026: What shipowners must do before first renewal survey after 1 Jan 2026](#)'
 - '[22/2025: PSC consequences for technical failures in Shanghai Port territory](#)'
 - '[LR issues updated guidance to support safe fuel cell integration onboard ships](#)'.
- ClassNK** – has published an update entitled '[Summary of the Outcomes of MSC 110](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Coal Shipments from North-East Coast USA:**
 - [Gard](#)
 - [Skuld](#)
 - [Britannia P&I](#)
 - [The Swedish Club](#)
 - [West](#)
- NorthStandard** – has released an update entitled '[VPS Bunker Alerts 2025](#)'.
- The Swedish Club** – has issued two updates:
 - '[MSS Case September: Severe mooring incident on container vessel](#)'
 - '[U.S. Customs Confirms Rules for New China-Linked Port Fees](#)'.
- West** – has published an update entitled '[New Guidance regarding use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems \(EGCS\) within Australian Waters](#)'.
- UK P&I Club** – has released two updates:
 - '[Biosecurity Measures for Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs \(BMSB\) in Australia and New Zealand – 2025-26 Season](#)'
 - '[Enhancing the Safety of Pilot Transfer Arrangements](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- Mauritius** – has published a [report](#) of the court investigation into the grounding of the MV 'Wakashio'.
- European Maritime Safety Agency** – has released an update entitled '[Adriatic Sea MMO Exercise 2025: Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection](#)'.
- Dutch Safety Board** – has published its '[Shipping Occurrences Report 20 January - June 2025](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- UK** – The MAIB has published an [accident investigation report](#) into the grounding and subsequent loss of the dive support vessel '*Jean Elaine*'. During a falling tide in Saint Peter's Pool in the Orkney Islands, Scotland, the vessel developed a severe port list and suffered water ingress. Despite efforts to save the vessel, it was ultimately abandoned.
- Canada** – The TSB has released an [investigation report](#) into a person overboard and loss of cargo incident in Frobisher Bay, Nunavut. The cargo ship '*Sivumut*' was anchored while transshipping cargo to the port using barges and tugs. During transshipment operations, the tug '*Qimmiq*' departed the '*Sivumut*' while towing the '*Tasijuaq*' barge in an alongside tow. The barge was carrying 24 shipping containers and one member of the ship's crew. Shortly after the tug's departure, the barge listed to port and began to capsize, causing the crew member and 23 containers to fall overboard. Eight minutes later, the crew member was retrieved from the water and transported to hospital. Sixteen containers were later retrieved.

Recent IMO Circulars

- HTW 12/6/19 – 08/10/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- HTW 12/6/16 – 08/10/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- HKSRC.1/Circ.25 – 08/10/2025** – Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009.
- LC-LP.2/Circ.34 – 08/10/2025** – 1996 Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972.
- NV.070 – 07/10/2025** – Resolution MSC.216(82)
- ESPH 31/6/2 – 07/10/2025** – Review of Products in Lists 2, 3 and 4 of the MEPC.2 Circular.
- HTW 12/6/14 – 07/10/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- HTW 12/6/10 – 07/10/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- HTW 12/6/12 – 07/10/2025** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- ESPH 31/6/1 – 30/09/2025** – Review of Products in Lists 2, 3 and 4 of the MEPC.2 Circular.

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

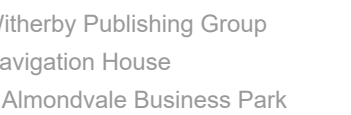
The IMO has released the programme of meetings for 2025 plus the preliminary programme for Q1 2026. Please see the IMO's '[Meeting Summaries](#)' webpage for more information.

- 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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