

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Malta** – has released an update entitled '[MS Notice 149 - Non-Convention Vessel \(NCV\) Code](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released three updates:
 - '[Marine Security Bulletin: 26/2026 - Multiple Security Incidents in the Black Sea](#)'
 - '[Marine Advisory: 18/2026 Rev.1 - Nishi-F Co., Ltd Freefall Lifeboat Model: FF-65 \(Capacity: 25 persons\)](#)'
 - '[IMO III 12 Meeting Summary](#)'.
- Canada** – has released an update entitled '[SSB No.: 12/2026 - Fuel sampling points for Canadian vessels](#)'.
- UK** – has released an update entitled '[MGN 370 \(M+F\) Amendment 2 the Dreadnought Medical Service, St Thomas' Hospital, London](#)'.

New from Witherbys

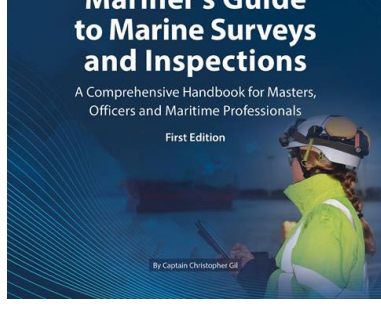
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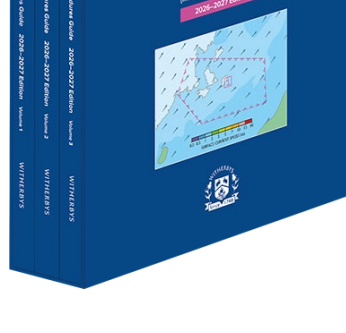
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Navigation and Security News

- '[Smugglers Attempt to Ship Meth From Germany to Australia Inside Car Parts](#)' (*The Maritime Executive*)
- '[Panama Canal Authority schedules two more reductions for maximum draft level](#)' (*Riviera Maritime*)
- '[Cocaine totalling 1.2 tons seized at Ecuador's Guayaquil Port](#)' (*Baird Maritime*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- Croatian Register of Shipping** – has released five updates:
 - '[Rules for the Classification of Ships, General Requirements, Amendments No. 1](#)'
 - '[Protection at Work and Crew Accommodation, Amendments No. 2](#)'
 - '[Fire Protection, Amendments No. 4](#)'
 - '[Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashing Fuel, Amendments No. 3](#)'
 - '[Electrical Equipment, Amendments No. 5](#)'
 - and more [here](#).

- ClassNK** – has released an update entitled '[TEC-1379 Tokyo MOU and Paris MoU Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) on Cargo Securing](#)'.

- Korean Register** – has released an update entitled '[Advance notice on the drafts for revision of the Classification Technical Rules 2027 Edition \(Material/Welding part\)](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Britannia** – has released an update entitled '[Loading Multiple Bulk Cargo Grades in the Same Hold](#)'.
- Gard** – has released two updates:
 - '[Sulphur-related bunker claims on the rise amid increased China MSA enforcement](#)'
 - '[Amazon River low water levels: Increased navigational risk during the 2026 dry season](#)'.
- Japan P&I Club** – has released an update entitled '[Paris and Tokyo MOUs Launch Joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Cargo Securing](#)'.
- NorthStandard** – has released an update entitled '[Earthquake affects operations at Port of Buenaventura](#)'.
- Skuld** – has released an update entitled '[Regional conflicts and their implications for charterparties](#)'.
- The Swedish Club** – has released an update entitled '[Getting ready for the 2026 PSC CIC: A focus on cargo securing](#)'.
- The American Club** – has released an update entitled '[Joint Paris and Tokyo Memoranda of Understanding Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\): Cargo Securing](#)'.
- UK P&I Club** – has released an update entitled '[Cargo Fire & Loss Innovation Initiative: building evidence for safer cargo operations](#)'.
- Notice of Cancellation for war risks:**
 - [Gard](#)
 - [Japan P&I Club](#)
 - [London P&I](#)
 - [NorthStandard](#)
 - [Shipowners' Club](#)
 - [The Swedish Club](#)
 - [UK P&I](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- BIMCO** – has released an update entitled '[HNS Convention set to enter into force in November 2027](#)'.
- SIGTTO** – has released an update entitled '[SIGTTO Annual Report 2025](#)'.
- INTERCARGO** – has released an update entitled '[Advice for Members regarding situation in Strait of Hormuz and Middle East](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- Germany** – The BSU has released an [investigation report](#) into the accident which occurred on board the LNG tanker '*Coralius*' in the port of Travemünde, Germany on 5th August 2024. The motorman was refilling the sewage treatment plant's sodium hypochlorite dosing tank. However, he unknowingly poured in the wrong chemical, creating a reaction that caused the tank to burst, and resulting in injuries to the motorman. The investigation found a combination of operational failings and design flaws that contributed to the accident.
- US** – The NTSB has released an [investigation report](#) into the collision of the bulk carrier '*Yangze 7*' and towing vessel '*Miss Peggy*' in the the Houston Ship Channel, Texas on 19th July 2024. Both vessels were inbound when they collided, resulting in the capsizing and sinking of the towing vessel and death of one of its crew members. The investigation found that both parties failed to maintain a proper lookout, with non-operational mobile phone use playing an important part in the accident.

Recent IMO Circulars

- Circular Letter No.5189/Add.1 – 12/08/2026** – Technical Seminar on Ammonia as Marine Fuel, 17 September 2026.
- LC 48/5/13 – 12/08/2026** – Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- LC 48/INF.6 – 11/08/2026** – Interpretation of the London Convention/Protocol.
- LC 48/5/11 – 11/08/2026** – Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- Circular Letter No.5250 – 11/08/2026** – Communication from the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Circular Letter No.5243 – 11/08/2026** – Survey on the Implementation and Use of Maritime Single Window (MSW) systems.
- LC 48/INF.5 – 10/08/2026** – CO2 Sequestration in Sub-seabed Geological Formations.
- LC 48/INF.7 – 10/08/2026** – Any Other Business.
- LC 48/8/1 – 10/08/2026** – Technical Cooperation and Assistance.
- LC 48/7/2 – 10/08/2026** – Compliance Issues.

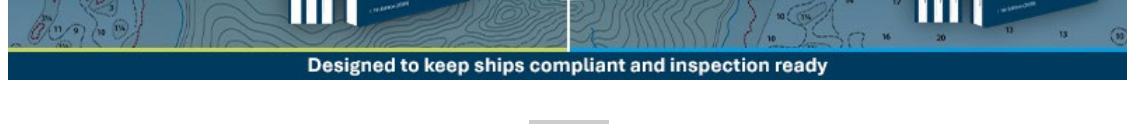
List of Amendments Expected to Enter into Force This Year and in the Coming Years

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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released the programme for 2026-2027. Please see the IMO's '[Meeting Summaries](#)' webpage for more information.

- 01-04 September – Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG)
- 14-18 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
- 05-09 October – Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meeting of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
- 02-06 November – IMO Council
- 23-27 November – Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG)
- 30 November-03 December – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
- 14-18 December – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 25-29 January – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
- 08-12 February – Legal Committee (LG)
- 22-26 February – Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW)
- 15-19 March – Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE)
- 12-16 April – Facilitation Committee (FAL)
- 26-30 April – Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
- 24-28 May – Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC)
- 07-11 June – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
- 16-25 June – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 05-09 July – IMO Council
- 19-23 July – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)



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