

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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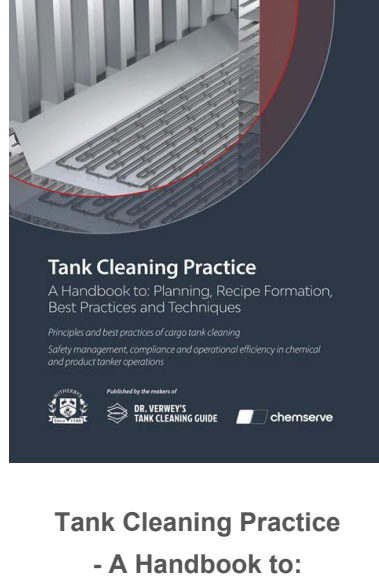
- Australia** – has released an update entitled '[Marine Order 57 \(Helicopter operations\) 2026](#)'.
- Bahamas** – has released an update entitled '[TA006 – Port State Control Concentrated Inspection Campaign 2026](#)'.
- Hong Kong** – has released an update entitled '[MSIN 7/2026 Interim Guidelines on Training for Seafarers on Ships Using Methyl/Ethyl Alcohol as Fuel and Interim Guidelines on Training for Seafarers on Ships Using Ammonia as Fuel](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released three updates:
 - ['Marine Security Bulletin: 28/2026 - Vessel attacks in the Strait of Hormuz'](#)
 - ['Marine Security Bulletin: 27/2026 - Multiple Attacks in the Black Sea'](#)
 - ['Marine Advisory: 19/2026 - 2026 Paris MOU and Tokyo MOU concentrated inspection campaign \(CIC\) cargo securing of cargo units and cargo transport units 1 September 2026 to 30 November 2026'](#).
- Panama** – has released an update entitled '[MMN-14/2026 Concentrated Inspection Campaign \(CIC\) 2026 - the Tokyo and Paris MoUs on Cargo Securing of Cargo Units and Cargo Transport Units](#)'.
- US** – has released an update entitled '[MSIB 03-26: Reporting Sexual Misconduct and Harassment on U.S. Vessels](#)'.
- UK** – has released five updates:
 - ['MSN 1815 \(M+F\) Amendment 7 equivalent medical certificates'](#)
 - ['MSN 1905 \(M+F\) Amendment 5 ships' medical stores'](#)
 - ['MGN 381 \(M + F\) Amendment 1: Survey and Certification Requirements for Merchant Shipping \(Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships\) Regulations 2008 as amended'](#)
 - ['MGN 470 \(M\) Amendment 3 MLC, 2006: list of merchant shipping notices, marine guidance notes and marine information notices'](#)
 - ['MGN 718 \(M+F\): 2026 IMO amendment to PSSR'](#).

New from Witherbys

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Guidance Manual for
Tanker Structures -
Consolidated Edition
2027

Tank Cleaning Practice
- A Handbook to:
Planning, Recipe
Formation, Best
Practices and
Techniques

Compendium of
Maritime Labour
Instruments - Fifth
revised edition, 2026

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Navigation and Security News

- ['Houthis Fighting on All Fronts and Aiming for the Red Sea Coast'](#) (*The Maritime Executive*)
- ['Cargo vessel seized by eight armed persons off Somalia'](#) (*Safety4Sea*)
- ['China's Arctic container experiment turns into weekly service'](#) (*Splash 24/7*)
- ['Cocaine worth £232m found in banana shipment'](#) (*BBC News*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- ABS** – has released an update entitled '[Safety Recall of Draeger "Saver CF" Emergency Escape Breathing Devices \(EEBDs\)](#)'.
- CCS** – has released an update entitled '[Guidelines for Verification of Digital systems of Ships and Offshore Installations 2026](#)'.
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '[Technical Circular No:014/2026: Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Cargo Securing of Cargo Units and Cargo Transport Units beginning from 1st September 2026 and ending on 30th November 2026 by Tokyo and Paris MoU](#)'.
- Korean Register** – has released an update entitled '[Advance notice on the drafts for revision of the Classification Technical Rules 2027 Edition \(Machinery part\)](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Britannia** – has released two updates:
 - ['Panama Canal draft restriction update – August 2026'](#)
 - ['Ship-to-ship \(STS\) operations for non-tankers'](#).
- Gard** – has released two updates:
 - ['Cargo securing on the PSC agenda'](#)
 - ['UK extends emissions trading to shipping'](#).
- Japan P&I Club** – has released an update entitled '[China - Recommendations on the 2026 CIC for Ships Calling at Chinese Ports](#)'.
- London P&I** – has released an update entitled '[China: Concentrated Inspection Campaign under Tokyo and Paris MOUs](#)'.
- NorthStandard** – has released two updates:
 - ['Beware – Delays at Beira for Fertilizer Cargo'](#)
 - ['China: Correspondents' advice on maritime-related risks'](#).
- Skuld** – has released two updates:
 - ['INSIGHT: Bunker Convention 2001'](#)
 - ['Maritime security update: Gulf Region / Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea'](#).
- West** – has released an update entitled '[Cuba Sanctions Update: OFAC Clarifies Humanitarian Exemption For Non-Us Persons](#)'.
- UK P&I Club** – has released an update entitled '[2026 PSC CIC on Cargo Securing: Key Considerations for Ship Operators](#)'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- ICS** – has released two updates:
 - ['Bridging rail strategies to solve shipping's biggest hurdles'](#)
 - ['Why shipping's next 39,100 officers are already onboard'](#).
- IIMS** – has released two updates:
 - ['Report into the Impacts of GNSS Interference on Maritime Safety published'](#)
 - ['Guidance published on installing lithium-ion batteries to assist boaters'](#).

Recent Accident Reports

- Germany** – The BSU has released an [investigation report](#) into the accident which occurred on board the LNG tanker '*Corallius*' 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 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.5260 – 20/08/2026** – Communication from the Government of Ukraine.
- MEPC 85/3/9 – 19/08/2026** – Consideration and Adoption of Amendments to Mandatory Instruments.
- LC 48/5/16 – 19/08/2026** – Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- ISWG-GHG 22/1/1 – 19/08/2026** – Adoption of the Agenda.
- LC 48/8/2 – 19/08/2026** – Technical Cooperation and Assistance.
- ISWG-GHG 22/3/7– 19/08/2026** – Further Consideration of the Draft Guidelines Supporting the Uniform and Effective Implementation of IMO's Mid-term Measures.
- NCSR 13/18/Add.1 – 18/08/2026** – Report to the Maritime Safety Committee.
- Circular Letter No.5259 – 18/08/2026** – Communication from the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- Circular Letter No.5258 – 18/08/2026** – Communication from the Government of the Russian Federation.
- Circular Letter No.5257 – 18/08/2026** – Communication from the Government of the State of Kuwait.

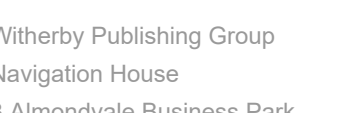
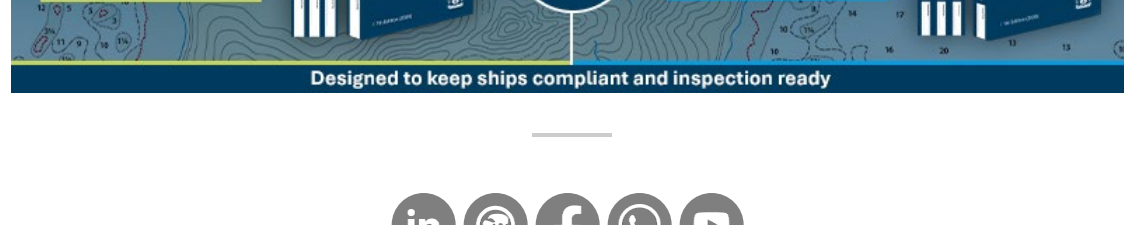
List of Amendments Expected to Enter into Force This Year and in the Coming Years

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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 1922) 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)
- 10-14 May – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (IIII)
- 24-28 May – Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC)
- 16-25 June – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 05-09 July – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
- 19-23 July – IMO Council



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