

Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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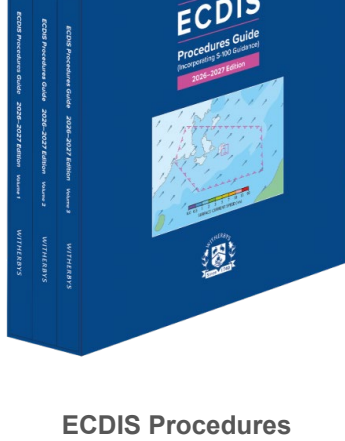
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- Isle of Man** – has released an update entitled '[TAN 005-26 \(Rev.2\) Revised Enclosed Space Entry Recommendations](#)'.
- Liberia** – has released an update entitled '[Marine Security Bulletin: 42/2026 - Vessel attacks in the Arabian Gulf](#)'.
- Marshall Islands** – has released an update entitled '[MN-4-033-4 Radio Message Accounting Procedures and Accounting Authorities](#)'.
- Panama** – has released an update entitled '[Radio Accounting Authorities and Point Service Activations](#)'.
- UK** – has released four updates:
 - ['MGN 357 \(M+F\) Amendment 1: night-time lookout – photochromic lenses and dark adaptation'](#)
 - ['MGN 623 \(M+F\) Amendment 1: Telemedical advice service \(TMAS\) for ships at sea'](#)
 - ['MGN 721 \(M+F\) Interpretation of references to Marine Equipment Directive \(MED\) approved equipment in selected MCA documentation'](#)
 - ['MSN 1885 \(F\) Amendment 1 ILO work in fishing convention, 2007: survey and inspection'](#)

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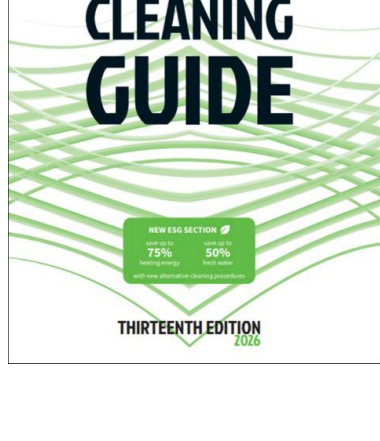
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Navigation and Security News

- ['Weekly Voluntary Reporting Area Overview'](#) (*UKMTO*)
- ['Drone-hit boxship sinks off Bulgaria'](#) (*Splash 24/7*)
- ['Maritime industry launches new database to track cyber vulnerabilities'](#) (*Safety4Sea*)
- ['Indonesia Busts Mongolian-Flagged Tanker for Ketamine Smuggling'](#) (*The Maritime Executive*)

Recent Class Society Guidance

- ABS** – has released two updates:
 - ['Ozone-depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases in the Maritime Sector'](#)
 - ['Carbon Dioxide Transportation by Ship'](#)
- ClassNK** – has released an update entitled '['ClassNK releases "Guidelines for Advanced Safety Measures\(Edition 1.1\)"](#)'.
- Indian Register of Shipping** – has released an update entitled '['Technical Circular No.022/2026: Revised Requirements for Pilot Transfer Arrangements'](#)'.
- DNV** – has released an update entitled '['UK ETS site visits: key steps towards compliance'](#)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- Gard** – has released an update entitled '['Pilot transfer operation: A safer step aboard'](#)'.
- London P&I** – has released two updates:
 - ['Carrying crude coconut oil'](#)
 - ['China - Qiongzhou Strait: Navigational Risks and Loss Prevention Guidance'](#)
- North Standard** – has released four updates:
 - ['Carbon Contribution for maritime operators in Gabon: what you need to know'](#)
 - ['Requirements and potential sanctions for vessels sailing to/from Falkland Islands \(Malvinas\)'](#)
 - ['Amazon drought – updates'](#)
 - ['ANTAQ overhauls Brazil's Inland Navigation Framework'](#)
- The Shipowner's Club** – has released an update entitled '['Wreck removal: liability and cover obligations'](#)'.
- The American Club** – has released an update entitled '['People's Republic of China \(PRC\): Transiting the Qiongzhou Strait'](#)'.
- Steamship Mutual** – has released an update entitled '['Missing Midnight: Banking Days, Time Zones and Contractual Deadlines'](#)'.
- UK P&I** – has released an update entitled '['Risk Focus: Chemical Tanker Stainless Steel Cargo Tanks'](#)'.
- West** – has released an update entitled '['Second hatch cover video: Survey procedure'](#)'.
- New Fire Drill Guidelines for Vehicle Carrying Vessels**
 - [Japan P&I Club](#)
 - [London P&I](#)
 - [North Standard](#)
 - [The Shipowners' Club](#)
 - [UK P&I](#)

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- ReCAAP** – has issued its [weekly piracy report](#).
- ICS** – has released an update entitled '['Vehicle Carrier Safety Forum publishes new Fire Drill Guidelines for Vehicle Carrying Vessels'](#)'.
- BIMCO** – has released two updates:
 - ['New industry frameworks set out to cut duplicated emissions reporting'](#)
 - ['Ballast Water: BIMCO seeks clearer guidance for ships facing challenging water quality'](#)
- IIMS** – has released an update entitled '['Dangerous goods shipments are rising faster than compliance capacity'](#)'.
- Tokyo MoU** – has released an update entitled '['Safety Bulletin 05/2026 Improper extensions of Statutory Certification'](#)'.

Recent Accident Reports

- Norway** – The NSIA has released an [investigation report](#) into the fatal accident on board the cargo vessel '*Eidsvaag Marin*' northwest of Stavanger, Norway on 29th October 2025. The engine attendant was replacing a valve block on the vessel's material handler when the lifting arm of the operator's cab folded back against the hydraulic oil tank, trapping and crushing him. The investigation found that the arm had not been unfolded enough to prevent it from folding back on itself due to its own weight when the hydraulic pressure was disconnected. The SMS did not address this type of maintenance work properly, and it seems the risks were not understood properly among the crew.
- The Bahamas** – The BMA has released an [investigation report](#) into the accident on board the bulk carrier '*Algoma Victory*' near Punta Catalina, Dominican Republic on 1st April 2026. The crew was washing cargo holds and the cargo boom conveyor belt when one of them fell from a hatch cover and into a cargo hold and sustained fatal injuries. The investigation found that fall prevention measures were insufficient around the cargo hold opening, and that work practices on board had deviated from safe procedures.

Recent IMO Circulars

- MSC 112/16/15 – 28/10/2026** – Any Other Business.
- FAL.1/Circ.126 – 28/10/2026** – Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended.
- HTW 13/6/6 – 28/10/2026** – Comprehensive Review of the 1978 STCW Convention and Code.
- Circular Letter No.5243 – 28/10/2026** – Survey on the implementation and use of Maritime Single Window (MSW) systems.
- C 138/11/3 – 28/10/2026** – Protection of Vital Shipping Lanes.
- MSC 112/4/3 – 28/10/2026** – Goal-based New Ship Construction Standards.
- MSC 112/12/1 – 28/10/2026** – Carriage of Cargoes and Containers.
- MEPC 85/7/34 – 28/10/2026** – Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.
- MSC 112/INF.24 – 27/10/2026** – Work programme.
- PPR 14/1/1 – 27/10/2026** – Adoption of the Agenda.

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.

- 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)
- 04 December – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPS.ES/2) [subject to confirmation by MEPC 85]
- 14-18 December – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
- 25-29 January – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
- 08-12 February – Legal Committee (LEG)
- 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 (III)
- 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
- 20-24 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)

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