Shipping Regulations and Guidance

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **UK** – has published three amended documents:
  - a marine information note entitled 'COVID-19: Guidance on the reporting of occupational diseases'
  - two marine guidance notes:
    - 'Implementation of EC Directive 90/269/EC: The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Manual Handling Operations) Regulations 1998'
    - 'Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997'
- **Liberia** – has issued a new marine advisory entitled 'Requirements for crew change for cargo ships in the port of Singapore and for ship's crew visiting Singapore waters to minimize the risk of community spread of COVID-19 in Singapore'.
- **Singapore** – has released a shipping circular of 'Amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations'.
- **Hong Kong** – has published a new merchant shipping information notice entitled 'A fitter was crushed to his death by an exhaust valve in engine room'.
- **Cyprus** – has issued a new shipping information note concerning 'Coastal passenger vessels that navigate near the coast of Cyprus'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Korean Register of Shipping** – has published an 'Issuance of Statement of Compliance on IHM for Panamanian flagged ships'.
- **Lloyd's Register** – has issued a statutory alert on 'Use of MARPOL Electronic Record Books'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has published two documents:
  - 'California: Increased Criminal Penalties for Oil Spill-Related Offenses'
  - 'The International Chamber of Shipping issues updated health guidance on COVID-19'.
- **GARD** – has issued three documents:
  - 'Does beach cleaning make a dent in the plastic pollution problem?'
  - 'ReCAAP ISC warns of heightened risk of sea robbery in the Philippines'
  - 'GPS interference and jamming on the increase'.

- **SKULD** – has released an update to a document on 'Coronavirus disease'.
- **Britannia** – has published three updates:
  - 'Korea Quarantine Office New COVID-19 Regulations'
  - 'Coronavirus (COVID-19) Focus Page'
  - 'Britannia Part VII Transfer'.
- **Japan P&I Club** – has published two documents:
  - 'Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)－Singapore updated requirements for crew change for cargo ships (No.2)'
  - 'Status of Maritime Conventions (as of 1 October 2020)'.
- **North** – has issued a new circular on 'Class 3 War Risks - Additional Premium Areas', as well as an update to its 'COVID-19: Coronavirus Outbreak – Impact on Shipping' document.
- **The Standard Club** – has released three news articles:
  - 'The Eternal Bliss - The High Court confirms that owners can seek damages in addition to demurrage'
  - 'IMO-2020 and beyond: club's operational experience on the transition to compliant fuel blends'
  - 'COVID-19 – China announces strengthening of measures to prevent and control the

spread of covid-19 epidemic for seafarers on international sea-going vessels'.

- **The Swedish Club** – has published a press release entitled 'Container losses: The Swedish Club identifies the catalysts'.
- **West** – has released a news article entitled 'Canada - North Atlantic Right Whale - Gulf of St Lawrence'.
- **UK P&I Club** – has issued four updates:
  - 'China – Covid-19 nucleic acid tests compulsory for crew joining vessels calling at Chinese ports'
  - 'Supreme Court of China published Judicial Interpretation on Crew Issues Arising During Trials'
  - 'Strict regulations for vessels arriving at South Korea'
  - 'Singapore Crew Changes Guidebook - Version 5'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **International Chamber of Shipping** – has released its Annual Review for 2020, as well as an update to health guidance on COVID-19.
- **EMSA** – has published the latest in a series of updates on the coronavirus outbreak and its impact on shipping.
- **RINA** – has published the October version of *Rinautic Magazine*.
- **SIGTTO** – has released its Autumn 2020 Newsletter.

Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia** – The ATSB has recently released an accident investigation report into the grounding of the bulk carrier '*Bulk India*' during departure from Dampier, Western Australia. The grounding occurred because the vessel experienced an electrical blackout, which

resulted in a loss of propulsion and steering control. It was found that the cooling water temperature controller in the auxiliary diesel generator engines malfunctioned, and that this problem was not reported to the pilots for some time. Furthermore, the '*Bulk India*''s emergency generator was not fit for service.

- **Bahamas** – The BMA has recently released an accident investigation report into the collision of the chemical tanker '*Cathinka Spirit*' with the fish transportation vessel '*Zhe Ling Yu Yun 60007*'. It was found that both vessels were aware of the presence of the other and it could not be ascertained why neither took action to avoid the collision in ample time.
- **Ireland** – The MCIB has recently released an accident investigation report into the collision between the tanker '*Varkan Ege*' and the sailing vessel '*Medi Mode*'. It was found that the '*Medi Mode*' misunderstood the '*Varkan Ege*''s course from the appearance of their lights and that the '*Varkan Ege*' did not spot the '*Medi Mode*'s lights until it was too late to avoid the collision.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **MSC.7/Circ.1/Rev.1 – 01/10/20 –** RESOLUTION MSC.473(ES.2) – RECOMMENDED ACTION TO FACILITATE SHIP CREW CHANGE, ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND SEAFARER TRAVEL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. View Circular.
- **MEPC 75/4/13 – 01/10/20 –** HARMFUL AQUATIC ORGANISMS IN BALLAST WATER. View Circular.
- **MEPC 75/10/4 – 01/10/20 –** POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. View Circular.
- **MEPC 75/10/5 – 01/10/20 –** POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. View Circular.
- **MEPC 75/10/6 – 01/10/20 –** POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. View Circular.
- **MEPC 75/10/7 – 01/10/20 –** POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE. View Circular.
- **MEPC 75/7/16 – 29/0920 –** REDUCTION OF GHG EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS. View Circular.
- **EGDH 2/4/1 – 28/09/20 –** IMO DATA SET RELATED TO "INFORMATION OF SHIP CERTIFICATES (ACCORDING TO FAL.2/CIRC.131)". View Circular.
- **MSC.7/Circ.1 – 28/09/20 –** RESOLUTION MSC.473(ES.2) – RECOMMENDED ACTION TO FACILITATE SHIP CREW CHANGE, ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND SEAFARER TRAVEL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. View Circular.
- **COLREG.1/Circ.162 – 28/09/20 –** CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972. View Circular.

- **LEG 107/1/Rev.1 – 25/09/20 –** PROVISIONAL AGENDA for the 107th session of the Legal Committee to be held remotely. View Circular.

For all recent IMO public circulars, visit Shipping Regulations & Guidance.

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

IMO and ILO regulations that have entered into force or been amended recently include:

- Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI – effective from 01/03/2020
- Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) – effective from 01/07/20
- Amendments to the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) – effective from 01/07/20

For a full and detailed list of recent IMO regulations, visit Shipping Regulations & Guidance.

A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released a revised meeting calendar for 2020. The Programme of Meetings can be downloaded here.

- 28 September - 2 October – Facilitation Committee (FAL 44) – Remote Meeting
- 12-14 October – Council (C 124) – Remote Meeting
- 19-23 October – 7th meeting of the Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships – Remote Meeting
- 4-11 November – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 102) – Remote Meeting
- 16-20 November – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 75) – Remote Meeting
- 27 November - 1 December – Legal Committee (LEG 107) – Remote Meeting
- 7-11 December – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 70) – Remote Meeting
- 14-15 December – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996) (LC 42/LP 15) – Remote Meeting

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