



Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 6, 2023 – Friday 10th February 2023

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Updates

- **USA** – has released a safety alert entitled '[Saltwater Intrusion Causes Damage to Electric Vehicle Batteries](#)'.
 - **Liberia** – has published two new marine advisories entitled:
 - '[Red Rocket Parachute Flare L-35 / L-35A \(Pirolec\)](#)'
 - '[Implementation of MARPOL Annex VI Regulations in the State of Israel](#)'.
 - **Panama** – has released four new or updated documents:
 - a marine notice entitled '[Panama Flag Annual Safety Inspection \(ASI\) - Fire Safety and ISM Questionnaire](#)'
 - three circulars:
 - '[Authorized service providers for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear](#)'
 - '[Immersion Suits requirement, inspection and service](#)'
 - '[Authorized Private Maritime Security Companies \(PMSC\) transiting High Risk Areas \(online application\)](#)'.
 - **Singapore** – has published a new port marine circular entitled '[Discontinuation of Harbour Craft Port Dues Concession for Floating Storage Units / Floating Storage Regassification Units Supporting LNG Bunkering and Breakbulk Activities in Port](#)'.
 - **Cyprus** – has released two new documents:
 - a circular entitled '[Entry into force of amendments to IMO International Conventions and Instruments: June to December 2023](#)'
 - a sanctions information notice entitled '[New UN and EU restrictive measures against Somalia](#)'.
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Recent Class Society Guidance

- No Class Society updates have been released in the past week.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club** – has released two new member alerts:
 - ['Good Catch Update: Effective No Smoking Policy - Safety at Heights'](#)
 - ['Earthquakes in Turkey: Impacts on Ports and Terminals'](#)
- **GARD** – has issued an article entitled ['Why our thinking on human rights at sea should not end with seafarers'](#).
- **Japan P&I Club** – has released three new documents:
 - two circulars:
 - ['Excess War P&I reinsurance for 2023/24 Policy Year'](#)
 - ['Price cap for crude oil and petroleum products of Russian Federation Origin—Request for Attestation \(No.2\)'](#)
 - a news alert entitled ['China—Shanghai MSA issued notice Changjiangkou and its adjacent waters on strengthening vessel traffic effective from 1 February 2023'](#).
- **North** – has published four news alerts:

- ['Earthquake in Turkiye and Syria'](#)
- ['Compulsory health insurance for entering Qatar'](#)
- ['New disruption charges in force at Panama Canal'](#)
- ['New navigation requirements to prevent collisions in CJK'](#).
- **The Shipowners' Club** – has issued two news alerts:
 - ['The Shipowners' Club doesn't like surprises'](#)
 - ['Update to Notice of alteration to terms and conditions dated 21 December 2022'](#).
- **The Standard Club** – has published three new articles:
 - ['Improved traffic management in Changjiangkou: Notice by Shanghai MSA'](#)
 - ['Crew Restrictions Return in India and Japan Following China Easing'](#)
 - ['Turkish P&I cover issue'](#).
- **West** – has released a circular entitled ['Class 1 & 2 Rules changes for 2023'](#).
- **UK P&I Club** – has published a news alert entitled ['Navigating the risk of Soybean Transportation'](#).

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **IMO** – has [launched a questionnaire](#) for users of the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS), seeking their views on the operation, effectiveness and efficiency of the system.



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Recent Accident Reports

- **Australia** – The ATSB has recently published a [safety report](#) on a gas control equipment malfunction which occurred on the liquified hydrogen tanker 'Suiso Frontier'. This resulted in a gas flame briefly propagating onto the deck, but did not

cause a fire or explosion. It was found that the ship's gas combustion unit's air fan discharge damper actuators were fitted with the wrong type of solenoid valves, which ultimately resulted in one of the valves failing.

Recent IMO Circulars

- **BUNKERS.1/Circ.99 – 09/02/23** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BUNKER OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, 2001
- **IMO.7/Circ.6 – 09/02/23** – AMENDMENTS ADOPTED IN DECEMBER 2021 TO THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION
- **III.3/Circ.9 – 09/02/23** – CASUALTY ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS
- **MSC-MEPC.1/Circ.5/Rev.4 – 08/02/23** – ORGANIZATION AND METHOD OF WORK OF THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE AND THEIR SUBSIDIARY BODIES
- **COLREG.2/Circ.79 – 08/02/23** – TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES AND ASSOCIATED ROUTING MEASURES "IN NORRA KVARKEN"
- **MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.21 – 03/02/23** – NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE
- **LC-LP.1/Circ.104 – 03/02/23** – CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER, 1972 AND ITS 1996 PROTOCOL
- **PMP.1/Circ.229 – 17/01/23** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENTS TO MARPOL ANNEXES I AND IV ADOPTED BY RESOLUTIONS MEPC.329(76) AND MEPC.330(76)
- **PMP.7/Circ.81 – 17/01/23** – PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO IMPLEMENTATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION MEPC.328(76)
- **STCW.2/Circ.113 – 12/01/23** – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS (STCW), 1978
- **MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.15/Rev.2 – 09/01/23** – GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, REVIEW AND VALIDATION OF MODEL COURSES
- **MSC.1/Circ.1500/Rev.2 – 04/01/23** – GUIDANCE ON DRAFTING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION AND RELATED MANDATORY INSTRUMENTS

Please see the [IMO's website](#) for full details of these circulars.

Regulations Recently Entered into Force

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

- Amendments to the 2011 ESP Code as amended by resolution MSC.461(101) – Minimum requirements for thickness measurements at renewal surveys of double-hull oil tankers – effective 1 January 2023
- Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978 - New definition for "high-voltage" – effective 1 January 2023
- Amendments to Part A of the STCW Code – Inclusion of electro-technical officers in the definition of "operational level" – effective 1 January 2023
- Amendment to the AFS Convention – Control of AFS containing Cybutryne– effective 1 January 2023
- Amendments to Regulation 21 of MARPOL Annex VI – amendments to EEDI Phase 3

- effective from 01/04/22
 - Amendments to regulations 2 and 14 and Appendix VI of MARPOL Annex VI on onboard sampling points – effective from 01/04/22
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A Guide to What's Happening at the IMO

The IMO has released a programme of meetings for 2023. Please see the IMO's ['Meeting Summaries'](#) webpage for more information.

- 06-10 February – Sub-Committee on Human element, Training and Watchkeeping (HTW)
 - 20-24 March – Legal Committee (LEG)
 - 24-28 April – Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR)
 - 08-17 May – Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR)
 - 31 May - 09 June – Maritime Safety Committee (MSC)
 - 26-30 June – Intersessional Working Group on the Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships (ISWG-GHG)
 - 03-07 July – Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC)
 - 17-21 July – IMO Council
 - 31 July - 04 August – Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III)
 - 20-29 September – Sub-Committee on Carriage of Cargoes and Containers (CCC)
 - 02-06 October – Consultative Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Convention 1972) and Meetings of Contracting Parties (London Protocol 1996)
 - 16-20 October – Technical Cooperation Committee (TC)
 - 23-24 November – IMO Council
 - 27 November - 06 December – IMO Assembly
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