Shipping Regulations and Guidance

Week 35, 2024 – Friday 30th August 2024

Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has released MGN - 675 'The Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments) Regulations 2022'.

- **USA –** has released Marine Safety Alert - 03/24 - 'Warning: Ensure a Gas-free Environment Prior to Conducting Hot Work'.

- **Liberia –** has issued four updates:
  - Marine Notice - POL-017 - 'Requirements for Registration and Cancellation of Registration for Last Voyage to an Environmentally Sound Ship Recycling Facility ('Green Ship Recycling Program')'
  - Marine Notice - FTP-001 - 'Requirements for Engaging in Transshipment Activities on the High Seas, in Ports, Between Ports and in Regulated Areas'
  - Marine Advisory - 28/2024 - 'Entry Into Enclosed Space Incidents'
  - Marine Advisory - 27/2024 - 'Advisory on Monkeypox Outbreak'.

- **Singapore –** has released Shipping Circular - 07/2024 - 'Guidances for Temporary Storage of Treated Sewage and/or Grey Water in Ballast Water Tanks (BWM.2/CIRC.82) and the Application of BWM Convention to Ships in Challenging Water Quality Conditions (Resolution MEPC.387(81))'.

Navigation and Security News

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- 'The Panama Canal introduces modifications to the Transit Reservation System Tariffs' *(PortNews)*
- 'Sounion Tanker Fire: A Complex Situation Demanding Swift Action'. *(Safety4Sea)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **DNV –** has published an update entitled 'Updated implementing regulation (EU) 2024/1975 amending the MED in force from 4 September 2024'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has released a technical circular entitled 'Guinea Bissau - Paris MoU PSC Policy'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Gard –** has released two updates:
  - 'Ports Begin Screening for Mpox'
  - 'Increased Collision Risk in Chinese Waters'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published an B-Insight entitled 'Essential Guide to Tanker Ship Coatings'.

- **West –** has issued an update entitled 'Mpox Overview and Port Requirements'.

- **UK P&I –** has released an update entitled 'Riyadh MOU PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Lifting Appliances'.

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- **LC 46/15 – 29/08/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **ISWG-GHG 17/2/18 – 28/08/2024 –** Further Consideration of the Development of Candidate Mid-term Measure(S).
- **LC 46/7/2 – 28/08/2024 –** Compliance Issues.
- **LC 46/7/1 – 28/08/2024 –** Compliance Issues.
- **LC 46/5/3 – 28/08/2024 –** Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- **LC 46/5/2 – 28/08/2024 –** Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- **LC 46/5/1 – 28/08/2024 –** Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.
- **MSC 109/2 – 27/08/2024 –** Decisions of Other IMO Bodies.
- **NCSR 11/19/Add.2 – 27/08/2024 –** Report to the Maritime Safety Committee.
- **LC 46/5 – 27/08/2024 –** Marine Geoengineering Including Ocean Fertilization.

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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Australia –** has released a Marine Notice - 2024/05 'Fuel Isolation for multi-engine installations'.

- **Liberia –** has issued two Marine Advisories :
  - 24/2024 - 'Transitional Measures to Comply with Amendments of 2022 to Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006)'
  - 25/2024 - 'Japan Radio Company, Ltd. – GPS Week Number Rollover for equipment'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Ship Hit by Suspected Houthi Missiles in Red Sea, Leaving Vessel "Not Under Command," U.K. Military Says' *(CBSNews)*
- 'Tanker on Fire and Adrift After Multiple Houthi Attacks' *(Maritime Executive)*

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Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreement (MLC, 2006)'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has published a member circular entitled 'Steel Cargo Pre-load Surveys'.

- **Gard –** has released an update entitled 'Container Ship Fires on the Rise Again?'.

- **SKULD –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Insight: Russia Sanctions'
  - 'WHO Director-General Declares Mpox Outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published an update entitled 'Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Seasonal Measures for Australia and New Zealand - 2024'.

- **The Shipowners' Club –** has released an update entitled 'An Insurer's Guide to the Key Changes in the UAE's New Maritime Law – UAE Federal Decree No. (43) of 2023'.

- **West –** has issued an update entitled 'Sweden - Introduces Phased Ban on All Scrubber Discharges'.

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- **ISWG-GHG 17/INF.2– 21/08/2024 –** Further Development of the Life Cycle GHG Assessment (LCA) Framework.
- **LEG.1/Circ.16 – 21/08/2024 –** Guidelines for Accepting Insurance Certificates and Insurance Companies, Financial Security Providers, and Protection and Indemnity Clubs (P & I Clubs).
- **LEG.1/Circ.15 – 21/08/2024 –** Methodologies for the Collection and Reporting of Experience of Incidents and Damage Resulting Therefrom and for Assessing Changes in Monetary Value.
- **ISWG-GHG 17/3/4 – 21/08/2024 –** Further Development of the Life Cycle GHG Assessment (LCA) Framework.

- **ISWG-GHG 17/4 – 21/08/2024 –** Development of Draft Terms of Reference for the Fifth IMO GHG Study.
- **ISWG-GHG 17/3 – 21/08/2024 –** Further Development of the Life Cycle GHG Assessment (LCA) Framework.
- **ISWG-GHG 17/2/11 – 21/08/2024 –** Further Consideration of the Development of Candidate Mid-Term Measure(S).
- **ISWG-GHG 17/2/7 – 21/08/2024 –** Further Consideration of the Development of of Candidate Mid-term Measure(s).
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **Marshall Islands –** has released a Marine Notice - No1-002-1 'List of Office and Service Locations'.

- **Panama –** has published three updates:
  - 'Panama Flag Annual Safety Inspection (ASI) – ISM Questionnaire'
  - 'International Ballast Water Management Convention (BWMC-2004) D-2 Standard Ballast Water Management System – Compliance Deadline September 8th, 2024'
  - 'Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) 2024 – the Tokyo and Paris MoUs on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreement (MLC)'.

- **Bahamas –** has issued two updates:
  - 'Port State Control Concentrated Inspection Campaign 2024'
  - 'TA 24-09 – Voluntary early implementation of revised IMSBC Code'.

- **Isle of Man –** has released a Registry Advice Notice - RAN 03 (Rev.3) 'Tonnage and Measurement of Ships under 24m Overall Length'.

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Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has published a member alert entitled 'Loss Prevention: Seafarer Wellbeing Programs'.

- **Gard –** has released an update entitled 'Maximising the Chances of Survival in Cold Water'.

- **SKULD –** has issued three updates:
  - 'Insight: Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006'
  - 'Altera's Carbon Capture Pilot Project Takes on Shipping Emissions'
  - 'Insight: Venezuela Sanctions'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published an update entitled 'Understanding Effective Risk Assessment'.

- **West –** has released an update entitled 'OCIMF has declared September 2nd as the "go-live" date for SIRE 2.0'.

- **UK P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'Nitrogen in LNG'.

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  - 'IIMS Marine Surveyor Search App Turns 5'
  - 'Mental Health Struggles Amongst Yacht Crew Highlighted in ISWAN YachtCrewHelp 2023 Annual Review'
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  - 'IIMS Marine Surveying Training Receives International Seal of Approval'.

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- **MSC/ISWG/MASS 3/3/2 – 14/08/2024 –** Consideration of Part 3 of the Draft Mass Code on Goals, Functional Requirements and Expected Performance.
- **MEPC 82/2/3 – 14/08/2024 –** Decisions of Other Bodies.
- **MEPC 82/16/5 – 14/08/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **TC 74/16 – 14/08/2024 –** Report of the Technical Cooperation Committee on Its Seventy-Fourth Session.
- **MSC/ISWG/MASS 3/3/3 – 14/08/2024 –** Consideration of Part 3 of the Draft Mass Code on Goals, Functional Requirements and Expected Performance.
- **ISWG-GHG 17/2/1 – 13/08/2024 –** Further Considerations of the Development of the

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- **MEPC 82/2/4 – 13/08/2024 –** Decisions of Other Bodies.
- **ISWG-GHG 17/2/3 – 12/08/2024 –** Further Consideration of the Development of of Candidate Mid-term Measure(s).
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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

- **UK –** has issued five updates:
  - 'MGN 636 (M) Amendment 3 (health and safety at work) regulations'
  - 'MGN 447 (M+F) Amendment 3 (control of noise at work) regulations'
  - 'MGN 436 (M+F) Amendment 4 whole body vibration'
  - 'MGN 702 (M) Maritime autonomous surface ships of less than 2.5 metres in LOA'
  - 'MSN 1888 (M+F) Amendment 4 Chemical agents regulations 2010'.

- **Liberia –** has published four updates:
  - 'Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) Attack in the Southern Red Sea'
  - 'Missile Attack in the Gulf of Aden'
  - 'Port of Dampier, Australia - Bridge Wing Shelters for the Protection of Pilots and Crew'
  - 'Paris and Tokyo MoUs Concentrated Inspection Campaign on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreement'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Two Port Fatalities Reported in the Same Month' *(Port Skills & Safety)*
- 'Foreign flagged ships detained in the UK during July 2024 under Paris MOU' *(gov.uk)*
- 'Missile attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels hits container ship in first attack in 2 weeks' *(AP News)*
- 'Cruise ship rescues 77 migrants floating off Greece coast' *(The Independent)*
- 'Two Migrants Dead, One Missing in Apparent Collision With Rescue Boat' *(The Maritime Executive)*
- 'Cargo ship spotted at Russian gas terminal under US sanctions' *(Financial Times)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **DNV –** has published two updates:
  - 'PSC - The CIC 2024 questionnaire is now available, plus update on other campaigns'
  - 'IMO III 10: Updates on the application of remote surveys, audits and verifications'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has released a technical circular entitled 'Concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) by Tokyo and the Paris MoU on Crew

Wages and Seafarer's Employment Agreement (MLC) beginning 1 September 2024 and ending on 30 November 2024'.

- **Lloyd's Register –** has issued an update entitled '18/24 - 2022 MLC Amendments to take effect from December 2024'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **The American Club –** has published two member alerts:
  - 'Good Catch Update: The Right Fit – Animated Images'
  - 'Loss Prevention: *Working Aloft* Poster'.

- **Gard –** has released three updates:
  - 'Port state to focus on fair employment conditions'
  - 'Knock for knock contracting – from offshore oil and gas to wind'
  - 'LOIs for commingling or blending cargo on board'.

- **SKULD –** has issued four updates:
  - 'Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (Wreck Removal Convention) 2007'
  - 'Bunker Convention 2001'
  - 'Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006'
  - 'Ratifications of MLC convention'.

- **Britannia P&I –** has published two updates:
  - 'Britannia Loss Prevention Webinar: Digitalisation in the Shipping Industry'
  - 'High Collision Risk Areas'.

- **Japan P&I Club –** has released an update entitled 'China□Notice of Tianjin MSA on Issuing the "Ships' Routing System for Central Waters of Bohai Bay (for Trial Implementation)"'.
- **West –** has issued a news article entitled 'Onboard Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage: A Promising Solution for Maritime Decarbonisation'.
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  - 'Nitrogen in LNG'
  - 'Joint PSC Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Crew Wages and Seafarer Employment Agreements and MLC Amendments'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **MAIB –** has published a summary of current investigations.
- **BSU –** has released a Lessons Learned article on a bridge allision by the cargo of a heavy-lift vessel.
- **Seafarer Happiness Index –** has released its quarterly report.
- **OCIMF –** has released an information paper on 'Compliance with EEXI Regulation: Risks associated with Power Limitation'.

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- **MEPC 82/7/9 – 08/08/2024 –** Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.
- **MEPC 82/6/33 – 08/08/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **LC 46/7 – 08/08/2024 –** Compliance Issues.
- **MSC.1/Circ.1678 – 08/08/2024 –** Guidelines on the Medical Examination of Fishing Vessel Personnel.
- **MEPC 82/6/35 – 08/08/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **MEPC 82/6/34 – 08/08/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **MEPC 82/6/19 – 08/08/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **MEPC 82/6/36 – 08/08/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships..
- **MEPC 82/6/26 – 07/08/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
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- **Marshall Islands –** has published Marine Notice – 2-011-33: 'Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 Inspection and Certification Program'.

Navigation and Security News

- 'Panama Canal to increase transit slots amid early rainy season' *(Safety4Sea)*
- 'The 27-mile Passage that is Southeast Asia's Answer to the Suez Canal' *(Express)*
- 'One Dead, Two Missing After Boat Accident in Malacca Strait' *(Tempo.co)*
- 'U.S. Oil Tanker Carrying 300,000 Barrels Of Jet Fuel Refused To Dock At Gibraltar' *(Marine Insight)*
- 'Malaysia Provides Details on This Month's Big Tanker Collision' *(Splash 24/7)*
- 'NTSB: Staten Island Ferry Fire Was Caused by Fuel System Design' *(Maritime Executive)*

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **Bureau Veritas –** has published a technical circular entitled 'Implementation of IMO Instruments Sub-committee 10th Session'.

- **Indian Register of Shipping –** has released an update entitled 'Focused inspection campaign (FIC) by Paris MoU on inspection of Fire Doors during annual inspection beginning from 1st July 2024 and ending on 30th September 2024'.

Lloyd's Register – has issued two updates:

- 'FuelEU Regulatory Update – Monitoring Plan Requirements'
- 'Laying Out the Cards on LNG as a Liner Option'.

- **Class NK –** has released a new information paper entitled 'FuelEU Monitoring Plan Required Under the FuelEU Maritime Regulation'.

Recent P&I Club Guidance

- **Britannia P&I –** has issued an update entitled 'Alternative Fuels - Ammonia'.

Other Regulations and Guidance in the News

- **ICS –** has published an update entitled 'New Hydrogen Demand Report Unveils Once in a Generation Opportunity'.

- **EMSA –** has published an update entitled 'EMSA releases the first building block of the FuelEU Maritime in THETIS-MRV'.

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Recent IMO Circulars

- **Circular Letter No.4901 – 31/07/2024 –** Eleventh session of the Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training and Watchkeeping (10 to 14 February 2025).
- **MEPC 82/6/9 – 31/07/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.
- **MEPC 82/16/3 – 31/07/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **MEPC 82/16/2 – 31/07/2024 –** Any Other Business.
- **MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.18 – 31/07/2024 –** Guidelines for the Sampling of Fuel Oil for Determination of Compliance with MARPOL Annex VI and SOLAS Chapter II-2.
- **MEPC 82/INF.44 – 31/07/2024 –** Identification and Protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas.
- **MEPC 82/INF.43 – 31/07/2024 –** Identification and Protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas.
- **MEPC 82/8/1 – 31/07/2024 –** Follow-Up Work Emanating From the Action Plan to Address Marine Plastic Litter From Ships.
- **FAL.1/Circ.122 – 31/07/2024 –** Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as Amended.
- **MEPC 82/6/12 – 31/07/2024 –** Energy Efficiency of Ships.

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