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31st Session 2019 (Resolutions 1031-1147)

The 31st session of the IMO Assembly took place at the Headquarters of the Organization from 27 November to 4 December 2019. This publication contains resolutions arising out of this meeting.


Resolutions and other Decisions of the Assembly
30th Session 2017 (Resolutions 1110-1130)

The 30th session of the IMO Assembly took place at the Headquarters of the Organization from 27 November to 6 December 2017. This publication contains, amongst others, resolutions pertaining to:

- Procedures for port State control, 2017
- Code for the transport and handling of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels (OSV Chemical Code)
- Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2017
- 2017 Non-exhaustive list of obligations under instruments relevant to the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code).

MARITIME SAFETY

Of all the international conventions dealing with maritime safety, the most important is the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, better known as SOLAS, which covers a wide range of measures designed to improve the safety of shipping.

The Convention is also one of the oldest of its kind: the first version was adopted in 1914 following the sinking of the Titanic with the loss of more than 1,500 lives. Since then there have been four more versions of SOLAS. The present version was adopted in 1974 and entered into force in 1980.

In order to provide an easy reference to all SOLAS requirements applicable from 1 January 2020, this edition presents a consolidated text of the Convention, its Protocols of 1978 and 1988 and all amendments in effect from that date. Additionally, this edition includes Unified Interpretations to SOLAS regulations, which were adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee.

International Health Regulations, (3rd Edition)

Published by WHO, this third edition contains the first amendment to the IHR (2005): a revision to Annex 7 adopted by the Sixty-seventh World Health Assembly in 2014 that entered into force for all State Parties on 11 July 2016. This e-reader edition also updates Appendix 1 containing the list of IHR (2005) States Parties (to include Liechtenstein and South Sudan).

The primary aim of the revised Guide to Ship Sanitation, published by WHO, is to present the public health significance of ships in terms of disease and to highlight the importance of applying appropriate control measures. This guide, in e-reader format only, is intended to be used as a basis for the development of national approaches to controlling the hazards that may be encountered on ships, as well as providing a framework for policy-making and local decision-making.


International Medical Guide for Ships (3rd Edition)

The third edition of the (ILO/IMO/WHO) International Medical Guide for Ships shows designated first-aid providers how to diagnose, treat, and prevent the health problems of seafarers on board ship. This edition contains fully updated recommendations aimed to promote and protect the health of seafarers, and is consistent with the latest revisions of both the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines and the International Health Regulations. The International Labour Organization’s Maritime Labour Convention 2006 stipulates that all ships shall carry a medicine chest, medical equipment and a medical guide.

Quantification Addendum: 
International Medical Guide for Ships (3rd Edition)

This volume contains recommended quantities, indications and dosing for 55 medicines listed in the International Medical Guide for Ships, 3rd edition. The quantities are based on three types of ships:
- ocean-going ships with crews of 25–40 and no doctor (Category A)
- coastal ships with crews of up to 25 that travel no more than 24 hours from a port of call (Category B)
- small boats and private craft with crews of 15 or less, and usually travelling no more than a few hours from a port of call (Category C)


The Code aims, among other things, to establish an international framework for co-operation between Contracting Governments, Government agencies, local administrations and the shipping and port industries to detect security threats and take preventive measures against security incidents affecting ships or port facilities used in international trade and to establish relevant roles and responsibilities at the national and international level.


This User Guide has been developed to consolidate existing IMO maritime security-related material into an easily read companion guide to SOLAS chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code in order to assist States in promoting maritime security through development of the requisite legal framework, associated administrative practices, procedures and the necessary material, technical and human resources.

It includes the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code).


The International Safety Management (ISM) Code with guidelines for its implementation provides an international standard for the safe management and operation of ships and for pollution prevention.

It is an essential reference for maritime administrations, shipowners and operators, shipping companies, training providers and education institutes, shipbuilders, engine and equipment manufacturers and others with interest in ensuring safety at sea and prevention of damage to the environment.

This publication includes the texts of SOLAS chapter IX and the ISM Code. Additionally, Guidelines for the operational implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code by Companies, Guidance on the qualifications, training and experience necessary for undertaking the role of the designated person under the provisions of the ISM Code, Guidance on near-miss reporting, Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management and resolution MSC.428(98) on Maritime Cyber Risk Management in Safety Management Systems are included.
**IMSAS (2015 Edition)**

IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) contains all relevant resolutions adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in the process of the institutionalization of the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS), as well as other documents developed to support its effective implementation. It includes:

- Framework and Procedures for IMSAS
- IMO Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)
- 2013 non-exhaustive list of obligations under instruments relevant to the III Code
- Amendments to conventions making the use of the III Code mandatory in audits of Member States
- Other resolutions
- Auditor’s Manual for IMSAS.

**Casualty Investigation Code (2008 Edition)**

The Code of the International Standards and Recommended Practices for a Safety Investigation into a Marine Casualty or Marine Incident requires a marine safety investigation to be conducted into every “very serious marine casualty”, which is defined as a marine casualty involving the total loss of the ship or a death or severe damage to the environment.

The Code also recommends an investigation into other marine casualties and incidents, by the flag State of a ship involved, if it is considered likely that it would provide information that could be used to prevent future accidents.

The International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code) presents engineering specifications for fire safety equipment and systems required by SOLAS chapter II-2 including, among others:

international shore connections; personnel protection: fire extinguishers: fixed gas fire-extinguishing systems; fixed foam fire-extinguishing systems; fixed pressure water-spraying and watermist fire-extinguishing systems; automatic sprinkler, fire detection and fire alarm systems; fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems; sample extraction smoke detection systems; low-location lighting systems; fixed emergency fire pumps; arrangement of means of escape; fixed deck foam systems; inert gas systems; and fixed hydrocarbon gas detection systems.


The 1994 HSC Code has been developed following a revision of the Code of Safety for Dynamically Supported Craft (resolution A.373(X)) and in recognition of the growth in size and types of high-speed craft.


The International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code) applies to high-speed craft that are involved in international voyages and for which the keels were laid after 1 January 1996. The 2000 HSC Code applies to craft for which the keels were laid, or which were at a similar stage of construction, on or after 1 July 2002. The application of both HSC Codes is mandatory under chapter X of the SOLAS Convention.


The Guidelines for ships operating in polar waters aim to mitigate the additional risk imposed on shipping in the harsh environmental and climatic conditions that exist in polar waters. This publication should be of interest to maritime administrations, ship manufacturers, shipping companies, cruise and tour operators, education institutes and others concerned with the safe operation of ships in polar waters.

The International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) has been developed to supplement existing IMO instruments in order to provide a more comprehensive set of provisions to address the increased interests and traffic in the polar regions, and the unique operational, environmental and search and rescue concerns peculiar to these areas, taking into account that the consequences of any major safety or pollution incident in polar waters are likely to cause widespread harm to these pristine environments.

The Polar Code covers the full range of design, construction, equipment, operational, training, search and rescue and environmental protection matters relevant to ships operating in waters surrounding the two poles. It includes mandatory measures covering safety (part I-A) and pollution prevention (part II-A) and recommendatory provisions for both (parts I-B and II-B).
The International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) includes revisions to various sections of the Code and to transport requirements for specific substances. It was adopted by IMO’s Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its ninety-ninth session in May 2018.

Amendment 39-18 of the Code is mandatory from 1 January 2020 but may be applied by Administrations on a voluntary basis from 1 January 2019.

The two-volume Code is divided into seven parts:
Volume 1 comprises parts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Code
Volume 2 contains part 3 (Dangerous Goods list, special provisions and exceptions), appendices A and B and an index.

The Supplement also includes texts of the Medical First Aid Guide, descriptions of the reporting procedures for incidents involving dangerous goods, harmful substances and/or marine pollutants, the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board Ships and other appropriate Assembly resolutions, resolutions and circulars of the Maritime Safety Committee and circulars of the Facilitation Committee and of the Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers.

The following circulars have been added to the present edition:
- MSC.1/Circ.1439: Conversion table (record of amendments) for part 7 requirements of the IMDG Code concerning transport operations
- MSC.1/Circ.1440: Illustrations of segregation of cargo transport units on board containerships and ro-ro ships
- MSC.1/Circ.1442: Inspection programmes for cargo transport units carrying dangerous goods.

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The Maritime Safety Committee, at its fifty-ninth session (May 1991), adopted a new International Code for the Safe Carriage of Grain in Bulk (International Grain Code). This replaced the original chapter VI of SOLAS, which contained detailed regulations on the carriage of grain in bulk, with more general requirements and placed the detailed provisions on grain in a separate mandatory code.

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The IMSBC Code, adopted on 4 December 2008 by resolution MSC.268(85), entered into force on 1 January 2011, from which date it was made mandatory under the provisions of the SOLAS Convention. The present edition incorporates amendment 05-19, which may be applied from 1 January 2020 on a voluntary basis, anticipating its envisaged official entry into force on 1 January 2021.

This publication also presents additional information that supplements the IMSBC Code, such as the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code, including BLU Manual) and Recommendations on the safe use of pesticides in ships applicable to the fumigation of cargo holds. The International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code and supplement is commended to Administrations, shipowners, shippers and masters and all others concerned with the standards to be applied in the safe stowage and shipment of solid bulk cargoes, excluding grain.


The International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers (2011 ESP Code) provides requirements for an enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of single-hull and of double-hull bulk carriers and single-hull and double-hull oil tankers, in accordance with the provision of SOLAS regulation XI-1/2 and in line with the IACS UR Z10 series.


BLU Code including BLU Manual contains the Code of Practice for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers, incorporating all amendments up to and including 2010, and the Manual on loading and unloading of solid bulk cargoes for terminal representatives, incorporating all amendments up to and including 2010. Also presented is Additional considerations for the safe loading of bulk carriers (MSC.1/Circ.1357).

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The Code of Safe Practice for Ships carrying Timber Deck Cargoes, 2011 (2011 TDC Code) was adopted by resolution A.1048(27) at the twenty-seventh session of IMO’s Assembly in November 2011. This Code revises and updates the previous Code adopted in 1991 by resolution A.715(17). The 2011 TDC Code is non-mandatory and applies to all ships of 24 m or more in length carrying a timber deck cargo. The Code aims to ensure that stowage and cargo securing arrangements for timber deck cargoes enable a safe yet rational securing of the cargo so that it is satisfactorily prevented from shifting. 2011 TDC Code also includes alternative design principles, taking into account the acceleration forces cargo may be subjected to throughout the voyage.

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The International Convention for Safe Containers, 1972 (CSC 1972) aims to:

- maintain a high level of safety of human life in the transport and handling of containers by providing acceptable test procedures and related strength requirements
- provide uniform international safety regulations, equally applicable to all modes of surface transport, thereby avoiding the proliferation of divergent national regulations

This edition includes the amendments to CSC 1972, adopted by resolution MSC.355(92), which entered into force on 1 July 2014.


Innovations and developments in the types of cargoes carried in freight containers have allowed heavy, bulky items which were traditionally loaded directly into the ships’ hold to be carried in cargo transport units (CTUs).

The IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) gives advice on the safe packing of cargo transport units to those responsible for the packing and securing of the cargo and by those whose task it is to train people to pack such units. This publication outlines theoretical details for packing and securing as well as giving practical measures to ensure the safe packing of cargo onto or into CTUs.

Informative Material related to the CTU Code, the companion publication to the CTU Code, provides further practical guidance and background information, including consequences of improper packing procedures, typical documents related to transport, CTU types, species of concern regarding recontamination, quick lashing guides, intermodal load distribution, manual handling, transport of perishable cargo, CTU seals and testing CTUs for hazardous gases.

The informative material does not form part of the CTU Code but provides additional information and is applicable to transport operations by all surface and water modes of transport and the whole intermodal transport chain.


The purpose of the Code of Safe Practice for the Carriage of Cargoes and Persons by Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV Code), which was adopted by resolution A.863(20), is to provide, for both the operator and contractor, an international standard to avoid or to reduce to a minimum the hazards which affect offshore supply vessels in their daily operation of carrying cargoes and persons from and between offshore installations. This standard should be considered when implementing a safety-management system within the meaning of paragraph 1.4 of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code.

The Code for the Transport and Handling of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (OSV Chemical Code), has been developed for the design, construction and operation of offshore support vessels (OSVs) which transport hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk for the servicing and resupplying of offshore platforms, mobile offshore drilling units and other offshore installations, including those employed in the search for and recovery of hydrocarbons from the seabed.

The basic philosophy of the present Code is to apply standards contained in the Code and the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code) and in the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) to the extent that is practicable and reasonable taking into account the unique design features and service characteristics of OSVs.


A Recommendation on Safe Practice on Dangerous Goods in Ports and Harbours was first circulated by the Organization in November 1973. The subsequent development of new techniques in shore and ship operations, as well as the desirability of having more comprehensive recommendations which included dangerous goods in packaged form, liquid and solid dangerous substances and liquefied gas carried in bulk, made it necessary to revise and update the Recommendation.

The revised Recommendations are aligned with relevant IMO codes and the IMDG Code in particular. It is considered essential to harmonize the rules within the port area with those applied to the ship in order to ensure smooth operations and to avoid misunderstandings between ship and shore. A non-exhaustive glossary of relevance to the handling of dangerous cargoes is given in appendix 1 of this publication.

The Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing presents amendments to the CSS Code, as amended. The most recent amendments, approved at the eighty-seventh session of the Maritime Safety Committee (12 to 21 May 2010), include a new annex 14 on Guidance on providing safe working conditions for securing of containers on deck.

Also included are:

− Revised guidelines for the preparation of the Cargo Securing Manual approved in May 2010
− Elements to be taken into account when considering the safe stowage and securing of cargo units and vehicles in ships, as amended in 2010
− Amendments to the guidelines for securing arrangements for the transport of road vehicles on ro-ro ships, as amended in 2010
FACILITATION OF TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

This consolidated edition of the FAL Convention includes the 2016 amendments adopted by FAL 40 which enter into force 1 January 2018.

These amendments introduce new definitions. Electronic exchange of information will be mandatory from 9 April 2019 with a transition period of no less than 12 months. The text recommends the use of ‘Single Window’ systems and has been revised in a gender-neutral format. Three additional documents have been introduced for ship’s clearance: Security-related information as required under SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.2, Advance electronic cargo information for customs risk assessment purposes, and Advanced Notification Form for Waste Delivery to Port Reception Facilities. Additional guarantees have been included relating to the shore leave of crew members. IMO FAL forms have been revised.


This is a joint ICAO/IMO publication containing the signs and symbols for use at international airports and marine terminals.

(Contains English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian texts.)
LEGAL MATTERS

The Intervention Convention deals with the need to protect the interests of coastal States directly affected or threatened by the consequences of a maritime casualty which might result in pollution of the sea or coastlines by oil. This edition contains, in addition to the Convention, the Protocol relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Cases of Pollution by Substances other than Oil, 1973.

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The purpose of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969 (CLC) is to provide uniform international rules and procedures for determining questions of liability and to ensure that adequate compensation is available to victims of oil pollution by placing the liability for compensation upon the owner of the ship. The 1976 Protocol to Revise the Unit of Account Provisions of CLC is also included in this edition.

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- Final Act of the Conference
- International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage (Fund), 1971
- Resolutions adopted by the Conference;
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This publication deals with the regulation of liability in the event of damage caused by a nuclear incident occurring in the course of maritime carriage of nuclear material. It contains:

− Final Act of the Conference
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This publication concerns the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea and the establishment of a regime of liability for damage suffered by passengers carried on a seagoing vessel. It includes:

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Amendments to increase the limits of liability in the 1996 Protocol to amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 (LLMC Protocol 1996) entered into force on 8 June 2015, raising the amount claimable for loss of life or personal injury on ships (not exceeding 2,000 gross tonnage) to 3.02 million Special Drawing Rights (SDR), up from 2 million SDR (additional amounts are claimable on larger ships).

The 1976 LLMC Convention sets specified limits of liability for certain types of claims against shipowners: Claims for loss of life or personal injury; and Other claims, such as property claims (including damage to other ships, property or harbour works), delay, bunker spills, wreck removal, pollution damage, etc. The Convention also allows for shipowners and salvors to limit their liability except if ‘it is proved that the loss resulted from his personal act or omission, committed with the intent to cause such loss, or recklessly and with knowledge that such loss would probably result.


This publication contains documents issued in connection with the Conference.
International Conference on Salvage, 1989

The International Conference on Salvage, 1989, was convened for the purpose of establishing uniform international rules regarding salvage operations and resulted in the adoption of the International Convention on Salvage, 1989. Included in this publication are:

- Final Act of the Conference
- International Convention on Salvage, (Salvage) 1989
- Resolution requesting the amendment of the York-Antwerp Rules, 1974
- Resolution on international co-operation for the implementation of the International Convention on Salvage, 1989

IMO Liability and Compensation Regime (2018 Edition)

IMO’s comprehensive liability and compensation regime has been developed by the Legal Committee since its inception in 1967. It comprises liability and compensation for pollution incidents, wreck removal and the carriage of passengers and their luggage.

In addition, the Legal Committee developed conventions relating to protection against pollution incidents, empowering coastal States to intervene on the high seas and determining uniform international rules regarding salvage operations. These conventions are closely linked to the liability and compensation regime and have therefore also been included in this publication. This publication has been developed to assist Member States with the effective and uniform implementation of IMO’s liability and compensation regime. It provides a practical and comprehensive reference book for administrations, non-governmental organizations and private companies alike.
**SUA Convention (2006 Edition)**

The International Conference on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988 (SUA Convention) reproduces the texts of the 1988 and 2005 Treaties, their consolidated versions and the Final Acts of the 1988 and 2005 Conferences. Also included are the texts of the original Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (SUA), 1988 and its Protocol, the Final Act of the 2005 Conference, the two Protocols adopted by that Conference, as well as the consolidated text of the 2005 SUA Convention and the consolidated text of the 2005 SUA Fixed Platforms Protocol. The purpose of these internationally agreed measures is to improve security and reduce the risk to the lives of passengers and crews on board ships.

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The Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 provides the legal basis to enable States to remove, or to have removed, from their coastlines and waters around their coasts, wrecks posing a hazard to the safety of shipping or to the marine environment. To achieve these objectives, the new treaty includes provisions on the reporting and locating of ships and wrecks and criteria for determining the hazard posed by wrecks, including assessment of damage to the marine environment. It also regulates measures to facilitate the removal of wrecks, as well as the liability of the owner for the costs of locating, marking and removing of ships and wrecks. The registered shipowner is required to maintain compulsory insurance or other financial security to cover liability under the Convention.

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Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage (1996 Edition)

This publication contains the texts that resulted from the work of the 1992 International Conference on the Revision of the 1969 Civil Liability Convention and the 1971 Fund Convention, which met in London in November 1992, as well as consolidated texts of the two Conventions as amended by the 1992 Protocols.

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The International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, (2010 HNS Convention) is divided into three parts:

1. 2010 HNS Convention and guidelines on reporting of HNS contributing cargo
2. the Protocol of 2010 to the International Convention and the Final Act of the International Conference of 2010 on the Revision of the HNS Convention

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This publication contains the text of the Final Act of the International Conference on Liability and Compensation for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001, which was held at IMO in London in March 2001. Attachment 1 to the Final Act is the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001.

The Conference also adopted resolutions on
- Limitation of liability
- Promotion of technical co-operation
- Protection for persons taking measures to prevent or minimize the effects of oil pollution

These resolutions are included in this publication, which contains the English, French and Spanish texts.

The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL Convention), is concerned with preserving the marine environment through the prevention of pollution by oil and other harmful substances and the minimization of accidental discharge of such substances. Its technical content is laid out in six Annexes, the first five of which were adopted by the 1973 Convention, as modified by a 1978 Protocol. These cover pollution of the sea by oil, by noxious liquid substances in bulk, by harmful substances in packaged form, by sewage from ships and by garbage from ships. Annex VI was adopted by a further Protocol in 1997 and covers air pollution from ships.

The 2017 consolidated edition aims to provide an easy and comprehensive reference to the up-to-date provisions and unified interpretations of the articles, protocols and Annexes of the MARPOL Convention, including the incorporation of all of the amendments that have been adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC).

MARPOL on the Web

A yearly subscription to the MARPOL Convention with amendments. This subscription product also includes ‘MARPOL – How to do it’ (in English only).
MARPOL – How to do it (2013 Edition)

This manual provides useful, practical information to Governments, particularly those of developing countries, on the technical, economic and legal implications of ratifying, implementing and enforcing the MARPOL Convention and its Annexes.

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Pollution Prevention Equipment under MARPOL (2006 Edition)

The purpose of this publication is to provide easy reference to IMO resolutions on shipboard pollution-prevention equipment that are required under MARPOL.

The present publication is a revised and updated version of the 1997 edition and contains those resolutions on pollution-prevention equipment which are currently applicable to new installations on board ships.

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CAS (Condition Assessment Scheme) (2006 Edition)

In view of the revised MARPOL Annex I coming into force on 1 January 2007, as did the amendments to CAS by resolution MEPC.131(53), the purpose of this publication is to provide an easy reference to the up-to-date provisions of CAS, including incorporation of all of the amendments that have been adopted by the MEPC, up to and including the amendments adopted by resolution MEPC.131(53).


These Guidelines were approved in conjunction with the extension of the unified interpretation of regulation 3(4) of Annex II of MARPOL, which made it possible for Administrations to authorize manufacturers to carry out provisional assessments on IMO's behalf. The Guidelines also provide step-by-step procedures for ascertaining the carriage requirements of all liquids offered for bulk carriage.

The publication contains:
- 2017 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V (resolution MEPC.295(71))
- 2012 Guidelines for the development of garbage management plans (resolution MEPC.220(63))
- Consolidated MARPOL Annex V, including amendments adopted by MEPC.277(70))


Poster: MARPOL Annex V Discharge Provisions

This useful A3 (297 mm x 420 mm) poster provides a simplified overview of the discharge provisions of MARPOL Annex V.

Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ships’ Biofouling to Minimize the Transfer of Invasive Aquatic Species (2012 Edition)

These Guidelines for the control and management of ships’ biofouling to minimize the transfer of invasive aquatic species (hereafter “the Guidelines”) are intended to provide a globally consistent approach to the management of biofouling. As scientific and technological advances are made, the Guidelines will be refined to enable the risk to be more adequately addressed. Port States, flag States, coastal States and other parties that can assist in mitigating the problems associated with biofouling should exercise due diligence to implement the Guidelines to the maximum extent possible.


MARPOL Annex VI, Regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships, covers the requirements in respect of both emissions to air (chapter 3) and energy efficiency (chapter 4). The requirements for control of nitrogen oxides (NO\textsubscript{x}), given by chapter 3, are supplemented by the mandatory NO\textsubscript{x} Technical Code 2008 which covers the testing, survey and certification of marine diesel engines.

This fourth edition of the consolidated texts of MARPOL Annex VI and the NO\textsubscript{x} Technical Code 2008 includes all amendments through to that adopted at MEPC 70 in October 2016.

Also contained are the current versions of the Guidelines and other information relevant to the application of MARPOL Annex VI and the NO\textsubscript{x} Technical Code 2008.


In October 2008, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted revisions to the international regulations for the prevention of air pollution from ships (MARPOL Annex VI). The revised regulations included a requirement that, from 1 January 2020, the sulphur content of fuel oil used by ships operating outside designated emission control areas shall not exceed 0.50% by mass, known as “IMO 2020”. Reducing emissions of sulphur oxides will bring significant global benefits for human health and the environment.

IMO 2020 will have a major impact worldwide. To support its successful implementation by the international shipping sector, this publication brings together all the instruments and guidance prepared into one document for easy reference, including IMO resolutions and circulars.


This Convention was the first multilateral instrument to be concluded with the prime objective of protecting the environment. It is concerned with the agreement between the Governments involved to prevent pollution of the sea by oil discharged from ships. The text published is as amended in 1962 and 1969.

This supplement consists of amendments to OILPOLL (as amended in 1962 and 1969) adopted in 1971 and concerning:

− The protection of the Great Barrier Reef (resolution A.232(VII));
− Tank arrangements and limitation of tank size (resolution A.246(VII)).


First published in 1986, the new edition contains:

− Article 8 of MARPOL
− Resolution MEPC.21(22)
− Amendments to Protocol I of MARPOL – Provisions concerning Reports on Incidents Involving Harmful Substances
− Resolution A.851(20) – General Principles for Ship Reporting Systems and Ship Reporting Requirements, including Guidelines for Reporting Incidents Involving Dangerous Goods, Harmful Substances and/or Marine Pollutants
− A list of agencies or officials of Administrations responsible for receiving and processing such reports

Waste Assessment Guidelines under the London Convention and Protocol
(2014 Edition)

This publication presents guidance documents adopted by the Consultative Meetings of the London Convention and its 1996 Protocol. These include generic waste assessment guidelines, as well as specific guidelines, for the waste assessment of the following:

- dredged material
- sewage sludge
- fish waste
- vessels
- platforms and structures
- Inert, inorganic geological material
- organic material of natural origin
- bulky items
- carbon dioxide streams


This publication contains the full text of the Convention on the prevention of marine pollution by dumping of wastes and other matter at sea, 1972 (London Convention) and the 1996 Protocol (London Protocol), as amended. The following related resources are also included:

- A list of resolutions adopted under the two treaties
- Prospective amendments to the London Protocol that are pending entry into force
- Terms of reference for the subsidiary bodies under the London Convention and Protocol


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The London Protocol – What it is and how to implement it (2014 Edition)

This manual provides useful, practical information to Governments, particularly those of developing countries, on the technical, economic and legal implications of ratifying, implementing and enforcing the London Protocol.


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Revised guidance on the national implementation of London Protocol
(2018 Edition)

This publication only constitutes guidance and is intended to assist national administrations in implementing the London Protocol, whether they are currently Contracting Parties or simply interested in becoming Parties. It is not to be construed as providing definitive interpretations of the Protocol or how its provisions should be applied. It remains at all times the prerogative of Contracting Parties to interpret the obligations to which they have become bound under the Protocol.


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Step-by-step guidance on simple approaches to creating and using action lists and action levels for dredged material
(2020 Multilingual Edition)

This publication is intended as a starting place for countries without action lists and/or action levels so that they can minimize the environmental impacts of dumping at sea, enabling them to make sound permit decisions and be in compliance with the requirements of the London Protocol and Convention.

The texts of this title are in English, French and Spanish


The guidance contained in this Guidelines for the Sampling and Analysis of Dredged Material Intended for Disposal at Sea, addresses the points above and is an amalgamation of two documents produced for the London Convention and the 1996 Protocol thereto:

- Guidelines for the sampling of sediment intended for disposal at sea (LC 24/17, addendum 1)
- Selection and analysis of physical and chemical parameters for the assessment of dredged material quality (LC/SG 26/12, annex 2)

The guidance assists regulators and policy makers on the selection of Action Lists and the development of Action Levels for dredged material proposed for disposal at sea. An Action List is a set of chemicals of concern, biological responses of concern, or other characteristics that can be used for screening dredged material for their potential effects on human health and on the marine environment. Action Levels establish thresholds that provide decision points that determine whether sediments can or cannot be disposed of at sea.

This publication includes texts in English, French and Spanish.

2012 Guidelines for the Development of Action Lists and Action Levels for Fish Waste

This publication provides guidance to regulators and policy makers on the selection of action lists and the development of action levels for fish waste proposed for disposal at sea. While the Guidance is designed to assist with implementation of requirements under the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter, 1972 (London Convention) and its 1996 Protocol (London Protocol), the Guidance is general and could be applied to the assessment of fish waste under other instruments.

This document provides guidance on the application of the waste assessment guidelines (WAG) using low technology and low cost methods. For example, it contains details on low cost sampling, testing, information gathering and documenting, consistent with the WAG, to allow characterization of the dredged material and selection of suitable disposal sites, including guidance on simple and low cost monitoring of disposal activities, and feedback surveys to improve decision making.

Field Monitoring Disposal (2016 Edition)

The objective of this publication is to provide practical information about using low cost and low technology tools that are useful for monitoring of possible environmental impacts associated with disposal at sea of either dredged material or inert, inorganic geological materials.

The primary audiences for this guidance are countries that are in the early stages of developing waste assessment and monitoring actions in concert with permit programmes for disposal of wastes and other matter at sea.
PSSA (Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas) (2017 Edition)

A Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) is an area of the marine environment that needs special protection through action by the IMO because of its significance for recognized ecological, socio-economic, or scientific attributes where such attributes may be vulnerable to damage by international shipping activities.

IMO is the only international body responsible for assessing proposals for and designating areas as PSSAs and adopting measures applicable to international shipping. This publication provides the reader with an overview of all PSSAs designated by the MEPC since 1990.


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Carbon Dioxide Sequestration (2016 Edition)

This publication provides an overview of amendments to the London Protocol and related guidance developed to ensure the safe and environmentally sound implementation of carbon capture and storage (CCS) in sub-seabed geological formations.


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**Low Cost, Low Technology Compliance Monitoring** (2017 Edition)

The objective of this publication is to provide practical information about using low cost and low technology approaches that are useful for monitoring compliance with permit conditions associated with ocean disposal of waste materials or other matter. The primary audiences for this guidance are countries that are in the early stages of developing waste assessment and monitoring actions in concert with permit programmes for disposal of wastes and other matter into marine waters.


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The International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation, 1990, was adopted at a conference convened in November 1990 for the purpose of establishing precautionary measures and effective preparation for combating oil pollution incidents involving ships, offshore units, sea ports and oil handling facilities. The publication includes:

- Final Act of the Conference on International Co-operation on Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response, 1990;
- OPRC Convention, 1990;
- Resolutions 1 to 10 adopted by the Conference.


This publication reproduces the texts of the Final Act of the Conference, including its Attachments, and the Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, 2000.


Response to a Marine Oil Pollution Incident (2016 Edition)

This publication provides Guidelines on international offers of assistance (IOA) in response to a marine oil pollution incident and is designed for use by any country, particularly parties to the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation, 1990 (OPRC 1990), as a tool to assist in managing requests for spill response resources and offers of assistance from other countries and organizations when confronted with large, complex or significant oil spill incidents.

Although developed by a technical group of the IMO, these guidelines could be used during large, complex or significant oil spills within inland areas as well as marine or coastal environments. While these guidelines can play an important role in the implementation of the OPRC 1990 Convention, they are not prescriptive or legally binding, and are meant as a tool to assist as needed.

The Guide to the Implementation of the OPRC Convention and OPRC-HNS Protocol provides a step-wise approach for the planning, preparedness and implementation process at national and regional levels; and identifies existing publications and available support mechanisms to assist.


This Section of the Manual on Oil Pollution is intended to provide practical guidance related to the prevention of pollution from ships, and describes procedures for the handling of oil cargoes, bunkering, ship-to-ship transfer operations, transfer operations involving offshore units and operations in ice-covered waters. It also provides an overview of the various prevention practices, as a complement to the more detailed industry standards and Codes of Practice, currently available.

The information provided is not intended to supersede or replace any information, law, or regulation contained in any other publication with respect to the waters and areas to which it pertains.


**Format: Digital | £20**

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This publication aims to assist governments in establishing a national oil spill response system and, in developing or revising their national oil spill contingency plans. The manual also includes information related to contingency planning for offshore installations, sea ports and oil handling facilities.


Format: A5 | £10


Section III of the Manual is intended to be used in conjunction with the national contingency plan described in Section II – Contingency Planning. The guidance in Section III will help Administrations and officials involved with oil pollution casualties effectively to mitigate the effects of accidents, whether there is a spillage from a tanker or the release of bunkers from dry cargo vessels or passenger vessels.


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Manual on Oil Pollution: Section IV – Combating Oil Spills (2005 Edition)

This edition of Section IV draws on the experience and lessons learned by Governments and industry in responding to marine oil pollution world-wide during the past thirty years. It builds on earlier editions, and provides a clear and concise overview of the present level of knowledge, expertise and understanding in the field of oil spill response.

It covers the behaviour and fate of different types of oil when spilled and the effects on marine and coastal resources, and includes new chapters on burning in situ and bioremediation measures.


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This section of the Manual on Oil Pollution is intended to provide the reader, in particular on-scene commanders, lead agencies and others involved in the management of oil pollution response, with an appreciation of the various interests involved in an oil pollution emergency and its aftermath, as well as a general review of the international legal regimes governing limitation of liability and compensation for oil pollution damage.


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This Section is intended to provide guidance to Governments, including those of developing countries, on the techniques, equipment and strategies for sampling oil to identify unknown sources of spilled oil. Although references are given for the laboratory methods required for analysis, the emphasis in this text is on the details of the field work required to collect the samples.


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This Manual provides:
- Information on oil spill risk evaluation and assessment for the development of preparedness and response
- Guidance for industry and Governments, particularly those of developing countries, in assessing risk and the adequacy of contingency plans
- Suggestions on how to resolve the potentially complex and varied issues of the assessment process


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The objective of the Manual is to provide guidance on strategies that may be used to assess the damage and subsequent recovery of the environment resulting from marine pollution incidents. Available techniques are considered together with criteria to help judge the feasibility of such measures to bring about successful recovery of those environments.

The Manual emphasizes the importance of pre-spill planning and provides an overview of assessment techniques and restoration measure in various ecosystems. It also provides guidance on opportunities for compensation through the international oil compensation schemes. Practical examples of natural resource assessment and restoration are provided through a series of case studies.


This publication, prepared by the OPRC-HNS Technical Group and approved by IMO’s Marine Environmental Protection Committee, provides guidance on the establishment of an incident management system (IMS) for marine pollution incidents.
Guideline for Oil Spill Response in Fast Currents (2013 Edition)

The aim of this Guideline is to provide essential information and a practical aid to oil spill response personnel for the development of response strategies and for the implementation of oil spill containment and clean-up measures in a fast water environment.

It is intended for personnel who already have an understanding of the basics of oil containment and recovery using conventional spill response equipment, such as booms and skimmers, and provide information on the particular considerations and strategies that are required for pollution response in fast currents.

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Operational Guidelines on Sunken and Submerged Oil Assessment and Removal Techniques (2016 Edition)

The aim of the Guidelines is to provide practical guidance for assessing and responding to incidents involving sunken oil.

Their scope is confined to sunken and submerged oil and does not include oil on sunken wrecks. The Guidelines also include references to other information sources.


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Bioremediation in Marine Oil Spills (2004 Edition)

The aim of these Guidelines is to provide users with clear criteria to enable them to evaluate the circumstances in which to consider the use of bioremediation for shoreline cleanup. These guidelines are not intended to address the treatment of waste-generated oil spills. They contain a summary of the most important bioremediation processes and decision-making criteria.

Guide on Oil Spill Response in Ice and Snow Conditions (2017 Edition)

This Guide aims to identify and describe the key considerations directly associated with a response to a marine oil spill in ice and snow conditions anywhere in the world. By addressing elements of planning and preparedness for marine and coastal oil spills, in addition to the fate and behaviour of oil spills in ice and snow as well as potential response strategies and options, this guide aims to assist incident managers and decision makers in safely implementing an effective response.

These Guidelines contain information for the preparation of shipboard marine emergency plans. The main objectives of these Guidelines are:

- to assist shipowners in preparing shipboard marine emergency plans in conformity with the cited regulations
- to assist Governments in developing and enacting domestic laws which give force to and implement the cited regulations

In the interest of uniformity, Governments are requested to refer to these Guidelines when preparing appropriate national regulations.

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This publication provides a very useful guide to identify the various problems that will affect fisheries and aquaculture enterprises in the event of an oil spill. This will be useful to spill responders and managers with responsibilities for protecting public health and those in the fisheries sector as well as consumers concerned about the safety and quality of seafood.

At its forty-first session, the Marine Environment Protection Committee tasked the OPRC Working Group to develop a guidance document for fisheries management during and after an oil spill incident. Dr. Tosh Moller, Technical Team Manager of the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Ltd. (ITOPF), prepared the draft guidance document and submitted it at MEPC 42.

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Port Reception Facilities – How to do it (2016 Edition)

This Manual provides practical information to Governments and competent (port) authorities, in particular those in developing countries, as well as the shipping industry, agencies and waste contractors seeking guidance when implementing MARPOL.

It also provides guidance on how to deal with possible inadequacies, as, in order to comply fully with MARPOL, a party State has to ensure the provision of adequate port reception facilities meeting the needs of ships using their ports, without causing undue delay to the ships.


The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its forty-fourth session (March 2000), adopted, by resolution MEPC.83(44), Guidelines for Ensuring the Adequacy of Port Waste Reception Facilities.

The intention of these Guidelines is to provide guidance on the determination of adequacy of reception facilities for ship-generated waste as part of the implementation of MARPOL. Widespread use of the Guidelines will assist States to overcome the problem of determining the need for reception facilities.

This publication contains:

- Revised specifications for the design, operation and control of crude oil washing systems (resolution A.446(XI), as amended by resolutions A.497(XII) and A.897(21))
- Standard format for the Crude Oil Washing Operations and Equipment Manuals (resolution MEPC.3(XII), as amended by resolution MEPC.81(43))
- Examples of Crude Oil Washing Operations and Equipment Manuals
- Guidelines for in-port inspection of crude oil washing procedures

Dedicated Clean Ballast Tanks (1982 Edition)

This publication brings together the following texts (resolution A.495(XII)):

- Revised specifications for oil tankers with dedicated clean ballast tanks, including:
  - Dedicated clean ballast tank operation procedures
  - Agreed interpretations of certain provisions of the revised specifications
- Standard format for the Dedicated Clean Ballast Tank Operation Manual, including:
  - General guidelines for operational procedures
  - Checklists for ballasting and deballasting dedicated clean ballast tanks
- Specimen manual for a tanker operating with dedicated clean ballast tanks

The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention), is concerned with preventing, minimizing and ultimately eliminating the risks to the environment, human health, property and resources arising from the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens, through the control and management of ships’ ballast water and sediments. The BWM Convention also aims to avoid unwanted side-effects from that control and encourages developments in related knowledge and technology. The 2018 consolidated edition aims to provide an easy and comprehensive reference to the up-to-date provisions and Unified Interpretations of the Articles and Annex of the BWM Convention.

IMO In-Situ Burning Guidelines (2017 Edition)

These guidelines provide critical information and recommendations for the use of in-situ burning (ISB) on open water in the offshore environment generally 5 kilometres from land and in ice-covered waters. These guidelines will allow the response community to understand and take full advantage of ISB technology as another tool for improved spill response.
Ballast Water Treatment - How to Do It (2017 Edition)

This publication provides useful practical information to Governments, particularly those of developing countries, Administrations, shipowners, port State control authorities, environmental agencies and other stakeholders on the implications of ratifying, implementing and enforcing the Ballast Water Management Convention. The aim is to encourage the further ratification and proper implementation and enforcement of the Convention. However, it should be noted that, for legal purposes, the authentic text of the Convention should always be consulted.


Manual on Chemical Pollution: Section 1 – Problem Assessment and Response Arrangements (1999 Edition)

This Section provides guidance on ways of assessing hazards associated with a chemical spillage and describes possible response.


This Section deals with all forms of packaged goods lost at sea – containers, jerricans, gas cylinders, etc., describing search and recovery techniques and giving guidelines for decision making.


Format: A5 | £10


The manual aims to provide the reader, in particular on-scene commanders, response personnel, government entities and others involved in the management and/or response to pollution incidents involving Hazardous and Noxious Substance (HNS), with a description of the various interests involved in an HNS incident and its aftermath.


Format: A5 | £15

This extensively illustrated field guide is directed towards those who have to respond to oil spills in tropical marine waters. It aims to provide information and general guidance on the response measures to be taken (and on those to be avoided) for the different types of tropical habitat.

Port State Control 2019 (2020 Edition)

This publication provides guidance to port State control officers (PSCOs) on the conduct of inspections of foreign ships in order to promote consistency in the way inspections are carried out worldwide and to harmonize the criteria for deciding on deficiencies found on board relating to the ship, its equipment or its crew, as well as the application of procedures.

This edition includes a new appendix 18, on 2019 Guidelines for port State control under MARPOL Annex VI chapter 3, as adopted by resolution MEPC.321(74), which provides guidance on the conduct of PSC inspections on the control of emissions from ships, and afford consistency in the conduct of these inspections, the recognition of deficiencies and the application of control procedures. It also contains amendments to both the Guidelines for port State control officers on the ISM Code (appendix 8) and the Guidelines for port State control officers on certification of seafarers, manning and hours of rest (appendix 11).
Instruments relevant to port State control 2019 (2020 Edition)

This electronic publication is intended as an accompaniment to the Procedures for port State control, 2019 publication. It provides the full texts of all the instruments featured in the aforementioned publication’s list of instruments relevant to port State control procedures (appendix 19).

It has been compiled to give access to all listed instruments, adopted/approved between 1993 and 2019, relevant to port state control inspections under IMO conventions, in an easy-to-use and portable format. It will be invaluable to port State control officers, Administrations and all other parties involved in the conduct of port State inspections.

Format: Digital | £25


These Guidelines establish an agreed method to obtain a representative sample of the fuel oil for combustion purposes delivered for use on board ships, and are provided as an encapsulated leaflet.

Format: A6 | £10

The International Conference on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems for Ships, 2001, was held in London in October 2001. The Conference adopted the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems (AFS) on Ships, 2001, together with four Conference resolutions, relating to the early and effective application of the AFS Convention, approval and test methodologies for anti-fouling systems on ships and the promotion of technical co-operation.

This edition reproduces the texts of the AFS Convention, the four Conference resolutions and the guidelines developed and adopted by the Organization.


The new Convention intends to address all the issues around ship recycling, including the fact that ships sold for scrapping may contain environmentally hazardous substances such as asbestos, heavy metals, hydrocarbons, ozone-depleting substances and others.


The present publication contains the consolidated text of the IMO Guidelines on ship recycling adopted by Assembly resolution A.962(23), as amended by Assembly resolution A.980(24), while also referring to the existence and relevance of the guidelines on the same subject by ILO and by the Basel Convention.


This guide aims to provide practical guidance to operators that may consider the use of sorbents as part of response operations to accidental oil or chemical pollution. Subjects covered in the guide include sorbent types, specifications, particularities, regulations, deployment techniques, waste disposal and precautions of use.
MARINE TECHNOLOGY

The International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (1966 LL Convention) has been accepted by many States since it was adopted in 1966 and entered into force in July 1968. The Convention was modified by a Protocol in 1988; other States have accepted the Convention as modified by this 1988 Protocol, which entered into force in February 2000. The 1988 Protocol has been modified by the 2003 Amendments which were adopted by MSC.143(77) in June 2003 and entered into force in January 2005, and by the 2004 Amendments which were adopted by MSC.172(79) in December 2004 and came into force in July 2006.

This publication contains the text of the 1966 Convention; the articles of the 1988 Protocol; a consolidated text of the 1966 Convention as modified by the 1988 Protocol and its 2003 Amendments; the 2004 Amendments to the Protocol; and the unified interpretations of the Convention approved by the Maritime Safety Committee up to 2004.

International Conference on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969


This publication establishes a universal system of tonnage measurement for ships engaged in international voyages; it includes:

- Final Act of the Conference;
- International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships (Tonnage), 1969, including:
  - Regulations for determining gross and net tonnages of ships
  - International Tonnage Certificate;
- Recommendations adopted by the Conference.
International Conference on Special Trade Passenger Ships, 1971
(1972 Edition)

This publication contains the following instruments related to special trade passenger ships:

- Final Act of the Conference
- Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement and Rules (STP), 1971
- Resolutions adopted by the Conference


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This Conference resulted from a resolution passed by the International Conference on Special Trade Passenger Ships, 1971, which required the formulation of technical rules covering the safety aspects of the disposition of passengers on special trade passenger ships. This bilingual publication (English and French) contains:

- Final Act of the Conference
- Protocol and Rules on Space Requirements for Special Trade Passenger Ships (Space STP), 1973
- Resolutions adopted by the Conference


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The safety of fishers and fishing vessels forms an integral part of IMO’s mandate; however, the fishing industry, from a global perspective, does not have an acceptable safety record and, while there may be a number of factors that have contributed to this, there can be no doubt that the lack of an effective internationally binding regulatory regime has played a significant part in the status quo. The Cape Town Agreement of 2012 was a renewed commitment for the provisions of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol to come into force and is expected to play an important part in improving safety standards and reducing the loss of life in the fisheries sector.


The revised Code was approved by the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) at its seventy-ninth session in 2004, by the FAO Committee on Fisheries at its twenty-sixth session in 2005 and by the Governing Body of International Labour Organization (ILO) at its 293rd Session in 2005. It is divided into two parts (sold separately):

Part A – Safety and Health Practices for Skippers and Crews, 2005

The revised version of part A of the Code is directed primarily towards Competent Authorities, training institutions, fishing vessel owners, representative organizations of the crew, and non-governmental organizations having a recognized role in crew members’ safety and health and training.
Part B – Safety and Health Requirements for the Construction and Equipment of Fishing Vessels, 2005

The revised version of part B of the Code is directed primarily towards shipbuilders and owners, containing requirements for the construction and equipment of fishing vessels.

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The purpose of the Voluntary Guidelines is to provide an updated, general guidance on safe practices for the design, construction and equipment of smaller fishing vessels.

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The purpose of this Code is to provide an international standard for the safe carriage, in bulk by sea, of dangerous chemicals and noxious liquid substances listed in chapter 17 of the Code. The Code prescribes the design and construction standards of ships, regardless of tonnage, involved in such carriage and the equipment they shall carry to minimize the risk to the ship, its crew and the environment, having regard to the nature of the products involved. This edition of the Code incorporates a number of amendments which have entered into force since it was last published in 2016, including: • resolutions MEPC.302(72) and MSC.440(99), amending the model form of International Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk, which entered into force on 1 January 2020; and • resolutions MEPC.318(74) and MSC.460(101), amending chapters 1, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21, including a complete revision of the product information set out in chapters 17 and 18, which enters into force on 1 January 2021.


The Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code) presents amendments to the Code to reflect the 2007 revision of MARPOL Annex II and other amendments related to:

- Survey and certification
- Materials of construction
- Fire protection
- Personnel protection
- Certificate of fitness for the carriage of dangerous chemicals in bulk.


The purpose of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code) is to provide an international standard for the safe carriage, by sea in bulk, of liquefied gases and certain other substances that are listed in chapter 19.

Through consideration of the products carried, it prescribes the design and construction standards of the ships involved and the equipment they should carry to minimize the risk to the ship, its crew and the environment.

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The purpose of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code 1993) is to provide an international standard for the safe carriage by sea of liquefied gases (and other substances listed in the Code) in bulk. To minimize risks to ships involved in such carriage, to their crews and to the environment, the Code prescribes the design and constructional standards of such ships and the equipment they should carry.

This edition remains valid and applies to all applicable ships constructed before 1 January 2016.

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The purpose of the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), is to provide an international standard for ships using low flashpoint fuel, other than ships covered by the IGC Code. The basic philosophy of this Code is to provide mandatory provisions for the arrangement, installation, control and monitoring of machinery, equipment and systems using low flashpoint fuel to minimize the risk to the ship, its crew and the environment, having regard to the nature of the fuels involved.

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The Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (GC Code) was developed to provide an international standard for the safe carriage by sea in bulk of liquefied gases and certain other substances. To minimize the risks to ships involved in such carriage, to their crews and to the environment, the Code prescribes the design and constructional features of such ships and the equipment they should carry. The Code generally applies to ships built on or after 31 December 1976 but prior to 1 July 1986. This edition incorporates amendments 1 to 4, including a supplement containing amendments adopted by resolution MSC.32(63) which came into force on 1 July 1998.

A supplement, Summary of Minimum Requirements of the Code, is included.

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**Code for Existing Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk** (1976 Edition)

The purpose of this Code is to provide international standards for the safe carriage of liquefied gases in bulk by ships which are currently in service, or which otherwise fall outside the scope of the more extensive standards contained in resolution A.328(IX). The Code generally applies to ships delivered before 31 December 1976. The supplement, Summary of Minimum Requirements of the Code and 1980 Supplement are included.

**Goal-Based Ship Construction Standards for Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers and Related Guidelines** (2013 Edition)

This publication presents:

- International goal-based ship construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers (resolution MSC.287(87))
- Associated SOLAS amendments (MSC.290(87)), making the Standards mandatory
- Guidelines for the verification of conformity with goal-based construction standards for bulk carriers and oil tankers (MSC.296(87))
- Guidelines for the information to be included in a Ship Construction File (MSC.1/Circ.1343)
- Generic Guidelines for developing IMO goal-based standards (MSC.1/Circ.1394)

The Guidelines for the design and construction of offshore supply vessels were adopted by the Assembly of the Organization in 1981 by resolution A.469(XII).

These Guidelines included guidance on intact stability that was later incorporated into the Code on Intact Stability for all Types of Ships covered by IMO Instruments. To take account of the adoption of this Code and amendments to the SOLAS Convention that have entered into force after 1981, new Guidelines for the design and construction of offshore supply vessels were adopted in 2006. These new Guidelines also include a form of Document of Compliance for offshore supply vessels.


This Code (resolution A.536(13) as amended by resolution A.831(19)) was formulated to minimize the risks to ships and to floating structures equipped with diving systems and their divers and personnel and to facilitate the international movement of these ships and floating structures in the context of diving operations. To achieve this the Code recommends design criteria and construction, equipment and survey standards for diving systems.

The Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units, 2009 (2009 MODU Code) provides an international standard for mobile offshore drilling units (MODU) constructed on or after 1 January 2012.

This edition of the 2009 MODU Code incorporates the 2013 (MSC.359(92)), 2014 (MSC.384(94)), MSC.387(94)), 2016 (MSC.407(96)) and 2017 (MSC.435(98)) amendments to the Code.


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The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) adopted amendments to the 1989 MODU Code in May 1991 and decided that, to maintain compatibility with SOLAS, the amendments should become effective on 1 February 1992. Further amendments were adopted in May 1994, to introduce the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) into the Code, provide guidelines for vessels with dynamic positioning systems and introduce provisions for helicopter facilities.

The Committee decided that the amendments introducing the HSSC should become effective on the same date as the 1988 SOLAS and Load Line Protocols relating to the HSSC (i.e. 3 February 2000), and that those providing guidelines for vessels with dynamic positioning systems and provisions for helicopter facilities should become effective on 1 July 1994. This publication supersedes the 1979 edition and contains a consolidated text of the 1989 MODU Code and the 1991 and 1994 amendments.


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This publication contains the Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships (resolution A.468(XII)), developed to stimulate and promote noise control at a national level within the framework of internationally agreed guidelines, and the Recommendation on methods of measuring noise levels at listening posts (resolution A.343(IX)).


The Code includes: a format for noise survey reports; guidance on the inclusion of noise issues in safety management systems; suggested methods of attenuating noise; and a simplified procedure for determining noise exposure. These regulations, recommendations and advice are intended to provide Administrations with the tools to promote “hearing saving” environments on board ships.

Although legally treated as a mandatory instrument under the SOLAS Convention, certain provisions of the Code remain recommendatory or informative. The Code applies to new ships of a gross tonnage of 1,600 and above. The specific provisions relating to potentially hazardous noise levels, mitigation and personal protective gear contained in the Code may be applied to existing ships of a gross tonnage of 1,600 and above, as far as reasonable and practical, to the satisfaction of the Administration.


The Code has been developed to provide an international standard for special purpose ships of new construction, the application of which will facilitate operation of such ships and result in a level of safety for the ships and their personnel equivalent to that required by the SOLAS Convention.

For the purpose of this Code, a special purpose ship of not less than 500 gross tonnage which carries more than 12 special personnel, i.e. person who are specially needed for the particular operational duties of the ship and are carried in addition to those persons required for the normal navigation, engineering and maintenance of the ship or engaged to provide services for the persons carried on board.


The International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, (2010 FTP Code) was developed with the aim to enhance user friendliness, ensure more uniform application of the requirements on fire testing and generalize the experience gained so far from the application of resolution MSC.61(67). Bearing in mind the intent of developers to formulate the requirements for fire test procedures in a form which would be as close to general industry’s procedures as possible, one of the aims of the Code was to update references to all ISO applicable standards. The present Code contains requirements for the testing process itself: testing laboratories, format of test reports, and provides procedures of type and case-by-case approval of materials, components and structures intended for maritime applications. Taking due account of alternative designs and arrangements which have been made possible by virtue of SOLAS regulation II-2/17, adopted by resolution MSC.99(73) in 2000, the Code also provides for the possibility of conducting alternative tests on a proviso that the level of safety of the tested materials, components and structures set by the Convention is not compromised and corresponds to at least that contained in its prescriptive requirements.

The importance of universally understood symbols for fire control plans for use by ship’s crew and shore-based fire-fighting personnel has long been recognized. In 1989, IMO adopted graphical symbols for fire control plans (resolution A.654(16)) for use in accordance with regulation II-2/20 of SOLAS, with a view to encouraging their use on board all ships. In 2003 a new set of symbols was adopted by resolution A.952(23). The original symbols may still be used for fire control plans on board ships constructed before 1 January 2004, but Governments are urged to encourage the use of the symbols that were adopted by resolution A.952(23) for the preparation of the shipboard fire control plans required by SOLAS regulation II-2/15.2.4 for ships constructed on or after 1 January 2004.

These symbols have now been reproduced, in English, in a double-sided poster form (594 mm × 841 mm, in colour) that can be used as appropriate to the fire control plans that are on board a specific ship.


This publication, which supersedes the 1983 edition, comprises five parts, containing the texts of the Guidelines for Inert Gas Systems and of relevant IMO documents.

The content of the guidelines is based on current general practice used in the design and operation of inert gas systems and incorporates amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee at its forty-second, forty-eighth and fiftieth sessions. Provisions of SOLAS covering application and technical requirements, together with recent developments on regulations for chemical tankers, are included.
Code on Alerts and Indicators, 2009 (2010 Edition)

The Code on Alerts and Indicators, 2009 is intended to provide general design guidance and to promote uniformity of type, location and priority for alerts and indicators required by the SOLAS Convention, including relevant performance standards, and by the MARPOL Convention, as well as by other associated instruments and codes.

The Code will benefit designers and operators by consolidating in one document the references to priorities, aggregation, grouping, locations and types, including colours and symbols, of shipboard alerts and indicators.

This new Code updates, revises and replaces the Code on Alarms and Indicators, 1995.


The International Code on Intact Stability, 2008 (2008 IS Code) presents mandatory and recommendatory stability criteria and other measures for ensuring the safe operation of ships, to minimize the risk to such ships, to the personnel on board and to the environment.

This publication should be of interest to maritime administrations, ship manufacturers, shipping companies, education institutes and others concerned with intact stability criteria.


Following the continuing loss, sometimes without a trace, of ships carrying solid bulk cargoes and the heavy loss of life caused by such accidents, the IMO Assembly, in the early 90s, requested the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) to develop requirements for the design, construction, operation, maintenance and survey of bulk carriers and specific precautionary measures with respect to type of cargoes. Consequently, extensive deliberations of the issues involved took place at the MSC meetings over a number of years and a raft of measures, many derived from Formal Safety Assessment (FSA) studies conducted by various Member States of IMO, were considered. One of the many items on the list was “Improved coatings: Controls and/or performance standards for protective coatings, in relation to compatibility with cargoes”.

This publication contains performance standards and guidelines developed as a result of the above considerations.

This 2010 Edition reproduces English, French and Spanish official texts.
NAVIGATION AND RESCUE
**COLREG** (2003 Edition)


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**Ships’ Routeing** (2019 Edition)

Both the safety of shipping and the cleanliness of oceans are promoted in many ways, one of which is the continuing development of routeing measures to control the navigation of vessels and to monitor their progress.

The measures that are described or defined in parts A and H of this publication are individually described in parts B (traffic separation schemes and inshore traffic zones), C (deepwater routes), D (areas to be avoided), E (other routeing measures, such as recommended tracks, two-way routes and recommended directions of traffic flow), F (the rules and recommendations on navigation that are associated with particular traffic areas and straits), G (mandatory ship reporting systems, mandatory routeing systems and mandatory no anchoring areas) and H (archipelagic sea lanes).

This edition incorporates routeing measures that have been adopted before July 2019.

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STCW (2017 Edition)


This publication contains the Final Act of the 2010 Conference of Parties to the 1978 STCW Convention, resolutions adopted by that Conference, and a complete, consolidated text of the STCW Convention, including its original articles, revised annex and supporting STCW Code.

This edition incorporates the 2014 amendments (MSC.373(93) and MSC.374(93)), the 2015 amendments (MSC.396(95) and MSC.397(95)) and the 2016 amendments (MSC.416(97) and MSC.417(97) to STCW Convention and Code.


This publication contains:

− the Final Act of the International Conference on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, held in London in 1995
− resolutions adopted by the Conference
− a complete text of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel (STCW-F), 1995

The Convention presents comprehensive regulations governing the training and certification of fishing vessel personnel.

This pocket guide is intended primarily for seafarers. It provides information which will help you if you are unlucky enough to fall into cold water, or have to enter it in an emergency, or have to use survival craft in cold conditions. It also provides information which will help seafarers, trained as first-aid providers, to treat those rescued from cold conditions.

This guide briefly examines the hazards of exposure to the cold that may endanger life, and provides advice based on the latest medical and scientific opinion on how to prevent or minimize those dangers. It is a sad fact that people continue to die at sea through a lack of this knowledge. Knowing what is likely to happen if you are exposed to cold water is a survival aid in itself. A thorough understanding of the information contained in this booklet may some day save your life – or someone else’s.


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This pocket guide contains guidance on recovery techniques for people in survival craft and other small craft as well as for people in water.


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The first international maritime training guide for fishermen, the Document for Guidance on Fishermen’s Training and Certification, was prepared by a joint FAO/ILO/IMO working group and published by IMO in 1985.

The Document for Guidance took account of the conventions and recommendations adopted by ILO and IMO and the wide practical experience of FAO in the field of fishermen’s training; it covered training and certification of small-scale and industrial fishermen.


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NAVTEX is an international automated direct-printing service for promulgation of navigational and meteorological warnings and other urgent information to ships. It is one of the two principle methods used for broadcasting maritime safety information in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended. It has been developed to provide a low-cost, simple and automated means of receiving maritime safety information and Search and Rescue alerts on board ships at sea and in coastal waters.

This manual is intended, primarily, for use by maritime Administrations and others concerned with the preparation and broadcasting of maritime safety information. It will also be of interest to seafarers, shipowners and others who need to receive such information in order to safely go about their business at sea.

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The International Conference on Maritime Search and Rescue, in April 1979, concerned the establishment of an international maritime search and rescue (SAR) plan covering the needs for ship reporting systems, SAR services and the rescue of persons in distress at sea. Included in the publication are:

- Final Act of the Conference
- International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), 1979
- Resolutions adopted by the Conference

This edition includes amendments to the International Convention on SAR which were adopted by resolution MSC.155(78) in May 2004. These amendments came into force on 1 July 2006.

IAMSAR Manual

Jointly published by IMO and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the three-volume International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR) provides guidelines for a common aviation and maritime approach to organizing and providing search and rescue (SAR) services. Each volume can be used as a stand-alone document or, in conjunction with the other two volumes, as a means to attain a full view of the SAR system. The three volumes (sold separately) of this edition of the IAMSAR Manual came into force on 1 July 2019.


Volume I discusses the global SAR system concept, establishment and improvement of national and regional SAR systems and co-operation with neighbouring States to provide effective and economical SAR services.

Volume II assists personnel who plan and co-ordinate SAR operations and exercises.


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The Mobile Facilities volume is intended to be carried on board rescue units, aircraft and vessels to help with the performance of a search, rescue or on-scene coordinator function and with aspects of search and rescue that pertain to their own emergencies.

The Action Cards contained in Volume III are also available to purchase separately in English.


Format: A5  |  £65

Contained in a handy waterproof wallet, the IAMSAR Volume III Action Cards can be removed individually for ease of reference in case of an emergency at sea.

They cover:
- Basic communications plan structure
- On-scene coordination
- Recovery of people in the water
- Man overboard (MOB)
- MEDEVAC by helicopter
- MEDICO-MEDEVAC Medical assistance or evacuation.

These cards assist personnel who plan and coordinate SAR operations and exercises and can also serve as useful aids for training purposes.


Approved by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the guidelines in this publication are composed of self-contained modules addressing the issue of fatigue from different angles: the company, the seafarer, awareness and training, ship design, and the Administration and port State authorities. It also includes examples of sleep and fatigue monitoring tools and of fatigue event report information.

Format: A5 | £30

The Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Manual provides, in a single comprehensive publication, an explanation of the principles upon which the GMDSS is based, the radiocommunication requirements and recommendations for its implementation, the operational performance standards and technical specifications to be met by GMDSS equipment, and the procedures for and method of operation of the various radio services which form the GMDSS and the Master Plan for the GMDSS.


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**Guidance on GMDSS Distress Alerts Cards** (2013 Edition)

This useful A4 portrait card provides guidance on distress alerts. A tough plastic lamination (you can write the ship's name, call sign and MMSI on it with any pen) and strips of double-sided adhesive tape on the back make the card ideal for display on ships’ bridges and other suitable locations.


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This useful A4 (297 mm × 210 mm) card provides guidance on the procedures to be followed under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) by masters of ships in distress.

A tough plastic lamination and strips of double-sided adhesive tape on the back make the card ideal for display on ships’ bridges and other suitable locations.


SafetyNET is an international automatic direct printing satellite-based service for the promulgation of Maritime Safety Information (MSI), navigational and meteorological warnings, meteorological forecasts, Search and Rescue (SAR) information and other urgent safety-related messages to ships and fulfills an integral role in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

This Manual is intended primarily for national Administrations and registered information providers, but may also be useful to the mariner who requires more operational information than is found in manufacturers’ equipment manuals.


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This Manual provides a practical guide for anyone who is concerned with drafting navigational warnings or with the issuance of meteorological forecasts and warnings under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

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IMO/ILO Guidelines for the Development of Tables of Seafarers’ Shipboard Working Arrangements and Formats of Records of Seafarers’ Hours of Work or Hours of Rest (1999 Edition)

Developed by a joint working group of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and IMO, these guidelines are designed to help Administrations, shipowners and seafarers meet their obligations under ILO Convention No. 180 (Seafarers’ Hours of Work and the Manning of Ships Convention) and IMO’s STCW Convention, 1978, as amended in 1995.

They provide a standardized table showing shipboard working arrangements, a standard format for records of seafarer’s daily hours of work and rest and guidelines for monitoring compliance.

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The new consolidated edition of Performance Standards for Shipborne Radiocommunications and Navigational Equipment incorporates all amendments adopted up to December 2015 including:

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Poster: Symbols related to Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements

Full-colour poster showing the symbols related to life-saving appliances and arrangements recommended for use in accordance with regulation III/9 of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, as amended, indicating the location of emergency equipment and assembly and embarkation stations as adopted by resolution A.760(18), and as amended by MSC.82(70) and adopted by resolution A.1116(30).

As per resolution A.1111(30), the signage in this poster should take effect on ships constructed on or after 1 January 2019 or ships which undergo repairs, alterations, modifications and outfitting within the scope of SOLAS chapters II-2 and/or III, as applicable, on or after 1 January 2019.
Life-Saving Appliances inc. LSA Code (2017 Edition)

This publication contains the three most important IMO instruments dealing with life-saving appliances, namely the International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code, the Revised Recommendation on Testing of Life-Saving Appliances and the Code of Practice for Evaluation, Testing and Acceptance of Prototype Novel Life-Saving Appliances.

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As navigational and safety communications from ship to shore and vice versa, from ship to ship, and on board ship must be precise, simple and unambiguous so as to avoid confusion and error, there is a need to standardize the language used.

Under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as revised in 1995, the ability to use and understand the IMO SMCP is required for the certification of officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more.

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Poster: Symbols related to Escape Route Signs and Equipment Location Markings

Full-colour poster showing the symbols related to escape route signs and equipment location markings as adopted by resolution A.1116(30).

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This edition of the Code incorporates all amendments adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee up to 2000.

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- 1978 and 1995 STCW Convention and Code, with amendments
- 1972 Collision Regulations
- 1969 Torrance Convention
- 2004 Ballast Water Management Convention
- International Bulk Chemical (IBC) Code
- International Gas Carrier (IGC) Code
- International Safety Management (ISM) Code
- International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code
- International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes (IMSBC) Code, and previous code, B.C. Code
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- Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes
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The model courses each include a course framework (detailing the scope, objective, entry standards, and other information about the course), a course outline (timetable), a detailed teaching syllabus (including the learning objectives and competences that should have been achieved when the course has been completed by students) and guidance notes for the instructor. Many courses include background information for students, in a compendium.
Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations
(Model course 1.01) (2014 Edition)

This course provides training for officers and ratings. It comprises a basic training programme appropriate to their duties, including oil and chemical tanker safety, fire safety measures and systems, pollution prevention, operational practice and obligations under applicable laws and regulations. The course takes full account of section A-V/1-1 of the STCW Code adopted by the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers as amended, including the Manila amendments 2010.

Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations
(Model course 1.02) (2015 Edition)

This course provides training to candidates to meet the requirements of Section A V/1 1 paragraph 2 of the STCW Code with specific duties for loading, unloading and care in transit or handling of oil cargoes. It comprises an advanced training programme appropriate to their duties, including oil tanker safety, fire safety measures, pollution prevention, operational practice and obligations under applicable law and regulations.

Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations
(Model course 1.03) (2016 Edition)

This course provides training for masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, unloading, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on chemical tankers. The course takes full account of section A-V/1-1 of the STCW Code.
Basic Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations
(Model course 1.04) (2014 Edition)

This course provides training for officers and ratings. It comprises a basic training programme appropriate to their duties for liquefied gas tanker safety, fire safety measures and cargo systems, pollution prevention, safe operational practice and obligations under applicable laws and regulations. The course takes full account of section A-V/1-2 of the STCW Code adopted by the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers as amended, including the Manila amendments 2010.

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Advanced Training for Liquefied Gas Tanker Cargo Operations
(Model course 1.05) (2015 Edition)

This course provides training for Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, unloading, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo related operations on liquefied gas tankers. The course takes full account of section A-V/1-2 of the STCW Code adopted by the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, as amended, including the Manila amendments 2010.

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(Model course 1.08) (2019 Edition)

This IMO model course addresses the competences and the training required for seafarers to maintain safe navigation through the use of information from navigation equipment and systems to assist command decision-making at the Management Level as specified in table A-II/2 of the STCW Code.

Dangerous, Hazardous and Harmful Cargoes
(Model course 1.10) (2014 Edition)

This course is primarily intended for shore-based personnel and for personnel responsible for the cargo handling of packaged dangerous, hazardous and harmful cargoes aboard ships. It comes with a CD which contains PowerPoint presentations on the IMDG Code.

Elementary First Aid
(Model course 1.13 plus compendium) (2000 Edition)

This model course provides training in elementary first aid at the support level and is based on the provisions of table A-VI/1-3 of the STCW Code.
Medical First Aid
(Model course 1.14 plus compendium) (2000 Edition)

This model course provides training in elementary first aid at operator’s level and is based on the provisions of table A-VI/4-1 of the STCW Code.

Medical Care
(Model course 1.15 plus compendium) (2000 Edition)

This two-volume model course provides training in elementary first aid at management level and is based on the provisions of table A-VI/4-2 of the STCW Code.

Proficiency in Personal Survival Techniques
(Model course 1.19) (2019 Edition)

This course should be taken by every prospective seafarer in order to meet minimum standards of competence in safety familiarization, basic training and instruction in personal survival techniques. The course is based on the provisions of table A-VI/1-1 of the STCW Code.
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting
(Model course 1.20) (2000 Edition)

This course provides mandatory minimum training in fire prevention and fire fighting and is based on the provisions of table A-VI/1-2 of the STCW Code.

Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities
(Model course 1.21) (2016 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum standards of competence in personal safety and social responsibilities in accordance with section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code, table A-VI/1-4. The course is designed to prepare new recruits for life on a ship at sea where they will experience a vastly different living and working environment compared to that if they were living and working ashore.

Ship Simulator and Bridge Teamwork
(Model course 1.22) (2002 Edition)

This model course is practical and theoretical, and consists of a series of exercises performed on a ship handling simulator. Classroom lectures, to provide the necessary theoretical background for the exercises, are included. Particular items dealt with in these lectures are illustrated either by including them as part of an exercise or by a separate simulator demonstration. Bridge teamwork is dealt with either as interactive Computer Based Training (CBT) or lecture.
Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (other than Fast Rescue Boats)
(Model course 1.23) (2000 Edition)

This course covers training in the mandatory minimum requirements for the issue of certificates of proficiency in survival craft as specified in section A-VI/2-1 of the STCW Code.

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Proficiency in Fast Rescue Boats

This course provides training in fast rescue boats and is based on the provisions of table A-VI/2-2 of the STCW Code.

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General Operator’s Certificate for GMDSS

This course covers the training recommendations in annex 3 to the IMO Assembly resolution A.703(17) - Recommendation on Training of Radio Operators related to the General Operator's Certificate (GOC). The course is revised to meet the relevant regulations of the STCW Code and the 2012 Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union.

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Restricted Operator’s Certificate for GMDSS
(Model course 1.26) (2015 Edition)

This course covers the training recommendations in annex 3 to the IMO Assembly resolution A.703(17) – Recommendation on Training of Radio Operators related to the Restricted Operator's Certificate (ROC). The course is revised to meet the relevant regulations of the STCW Code and the 2012 Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union.

Operational Use of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS)
(Model course 1.27) (2012 Edition)

This model course is intended to provide the knowledge, skill and understanding of ECDIS and electronic charts, to the thorough extent needed, to safely navigate vessels whose primary means of navigation is ECDIS. The course emphasizes both the application and learning of ECDIS in a variety of underway contexts. The course is designed to meet the STCW requirements in the use of ECDIS, as revised by the 2010 Manila Amendments.

Proficiency in Crisis Management and Human Behaviour Training Including Passenger Safety, Cargo Safety and Hull Integrity Training
(Model course 1.29) (2000 Edition)

This course covers the mandatory training requirements for masters, chief mates, chief engineer officers, second engineer officers and every person assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers, loading, discharging or securing cargo or closing hull openings on board passenger and ro-ro ships. It is based on the provisions of section A-V/2 and table A-V/2 of the STCW Code.
Onboard Assessment
(Model course 1.30) (2017 Edition)

This course is primarily intended for any person conducting in-service assessment of competence of a seafarer on board. These would usually comprise senior shipboard officers (management level) but may also be suitable for shipboard personnel at operational level or experienced shore-based instructors with sufficient onboard expertise.

Second-Class Radioelectronic Certificate for Global Maritime Distress and Safety System Radio Personnel
(Model course 1.31 and compendium) (2002 Edition)

This Model Course is based on IMO Model Course 1.25, “General Operator’s Certificate for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System”, covering training organization, teaching aids and technical facilities. It is intended to provide trainees with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills sufficient to perform the functions of second-class radio-electronics personnel.

Operational use of Integrated Bridge Systems including Integrated Navigation Systems
(Model course 1.32) (2005 Edition)

This course provides generic training in the use of IBS and INS. It is designed for officers in charge of a navigational watch on vessels that are fitted with such equipment. Its aims are to increase safety and to protect the environment. It does this by giving instruction on the understanding and safe use of such systems, including illustrations of dangerous or improper use.
Safety of Fishing Operations (Support Level)
(Model course 1.33) (2005 Edition)

This model course is for candidates who will undertake fishing operations on board ship, in accordance with chapter III, regulation 1.6, and attachment 2, resolution 4, annex 2.2 of STCW-F. It covers the requirements of the STCW-F and IMO/FAO/ILO Document for Guidance on Training and Certification of Fishing Vessel Personnel, chapter 6.24 and 6.29, and is open to all fishing vessel personnel who are to serve on board sea-going fishing vessels. There are no particular educational entry requirements.

Automatic Identification Systems (AIS)
(Model course 1.34) (2019 Edition)

This course provides information on the generic use of AIS, and is designed for officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships that are fitted with such equipment. Its main aims are to increase safety and security and to protect the environment by giving instruction on the understanding and safe use of such systems, including illustrations of dangerous or improper use.

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for knowledge, understanding and proficiency in table A-II/1 of the STCW Code and takes into account all relevant IMO resolutions and guidelines on AIS available at the time the model course was prepared.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Tanker Cargo and Ballast Handling Simulator
(Model course 1.35) (2007 Edition)

The course is essentially a practical one, and consists of a series of exercises structured around the operation of the cargo and ballast installation of a liquefied gas tanker and carried out in conjunction with a simulator.
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Tanker Cargo and Ballast Handling Simulator  
(Model course 1.36) (2019 Edition)

This is a practical course for Officers and ratings who are to serve on board liquefied natural gas tankers and are required by STCW Convention, regulation V/1-2, to have appropriate operational experience on board liquefied natural gas tankers, or to have completed approved shore-based specialized training related to gas tanker operations. The course consists of a series of exercises structured around the operation of the cargo and ballast systems of an LNG tanker and carried out using an approved simulator.

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Chemical Tanker Cargo and Ballast Handling Simulator  
(Model course 1.37) (2007 Edition)

The course is essentially a practical one, and consists of a series of exercises structured around the operation of the cargo and ballast installation of a chemical tanker and carried out in conjunction with a simulator.

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Marine Environmental Awareness  
(Model course 1.38) (2011 Edition)

This course combines two important aspects of modern shipping: care for the marine environment and the importance of human performance. The course is intended to give trainees knowledge of the importance and diversity of the marine environment as well as understanding and awareness of the impacts of shipping activities on the (marine) environment. The course will stimulate personal responsibility to use solutions that contribute to environmentally sound shipping.

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Leadership and Teamwork
(Model course 1.39) (2014 Edition)

The course is designed to meet STCW requirements for the application of leadership and team-working skills, in accordance with the 2010 Manila Amendments, specifically as stated in table A-II/1, A-III/1 and A-III/6, Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board at the operational level. The course aims to provide the knowledge, skill and understanding of leadership and teamwork at the operational level on board ship.

Use of Leadership & Managerial Skills
(Model course 1.40) (2018 Edition)

Successful completion of this course enables seafarers to meet the mandatory minimum standards of competence in the use of leadership and managerial skills specified in Function: Controlling the operation of the ship and caring for persons on board at the management level in tables A-II/2 and A-III/2 of the STCW Code.

Passenger Ship Crowd Management Training
(Model course 1.41) (2018 Edition)

The model course is designed to provide trainees with knowledge and skills in managing crowds. This covers the mandatory competences and the required knowledge, understanding and proficiencies specified in paragraph 3 of section A-V/2 and table A-V/2-1 of the STCW Code. On completion, the trainee should be able to demonstrate the ability to contribute to the implementation of shipboard emergency plans and procedures to muster and evacuate passengers as well as assisting passengers en route to muster and embarkation stations.
Passenger Ship Crisis Management and Human Behaviour Training
(Model course 1.42) (2018 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for the training of personnel in crisis management during emergency situations on board passenger ships. Trainees gain competence in passenger ship crisis management and human behaviour training in accordance with section A-V/2, paragraph 4 and table A-V/2-2 of the STCW Code, demonstrating the ability to organize shipboard emergency procedures; optimize the use of resources; control responses to emergencies; control passengers and other personnel during emergency situations; and establish and maintain effective communications.

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Safety Training for Personnel
(Model course 1.44) (2018 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for the training of personnel providing direct service to passengers in passenger spaces on board passenger ships specified in regulation V/2 and section A-V/2 of the STCW Code. On successful completion, trainees should be able to communicate with passengers during an emergency, demonstrate personal life-saving appliances and embark and disembark passengers, in particular caring for those needing special assistance.

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Safe handling and transport of solid bulk cargoes
(Model course 1.45) (2019 Edition)

The course is intended for seafarers on board ships carrying solid bulk cargoes, and personnel involved in the transport chain of solid bulk cargoes, such as officials of the competent authorities, port authorities, port terminals, mine operators, shippers, technicians and shipping company’s representatives, as well as all personnel involved in the assessment of acceptability of consignments of solid bulk cargoes according to the IMSBC Code.
Advanced Training in Fire Fighting
(Model course 2.03 plus compendium) (2000 Edition)

This course covers training in fire fighting and is based on the provisions of table A-VI/3 of the STCW Code.

Oil Tanker Cargo and Ballast Handling Simulator
(Model course 2.06) (2002 Edition)

This model course is essentially a practical one and consists of a series of exercises structured around the operation of the cargo and ballast installation of an oil tanker and carried out in conjunction with a simulator.

Engine-Room Simulator
(Model course 2.07) (2017 Edition)

This model course is essentially a practical one, consisting of a series of exercises structured around the operation of a ship’s machinery installation and carried out in conjunction with an engine-room simulator.
Survey of Machinery Installations  
(Model course 3.03 plus compendium) (2004 Edition)

This two-volume course covers the requirements of initial, annual, intermediate, and periodical and renewal surveys, as specified in SOLAS. It does not cover preliminary design or plan approvals, nor does it cover the survey or inspection of chemical tankers, gas carriers, special purpose ships or mobile offshore units.

Survey of Electrical Installations  
(Model course 3.04) (2004 Edition)

This course covers the requirements of the initial, annual, intermediate and periodical surveys, as specified in SOLAS. It does not cover preliminary design or plan approvals, nor does it cover the survey or inspection of chemical tankers, gas carriers, special purpose ships or mobile offshore units.

Survey of Fire Appliances and Provisions  
(Model course 3.05 plus compendium) (2004 Edition)

This course covers the requirements of the initial, annual, intermediate and periodical surveys, as specified in SOLAS. It does not cover preliminary design or plan approvals, nor does it cover the survey or inspection of chemical tankers, gas carriers, special purpose ships or mobile offshore units.
Survey of Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements
(Model course 3.06 plus compendium) (2004 Edition)

This course covers the requirements of the initial, annual, intermediate and periodical surveys, as specified in SOLAS. It does not cover preliminary design or plan approvals, nor does it cover the survey or inspection of chemical tankers, gas carriers, special purpose ships or mobile offshore units.

Hull and Structural Surveys
(Model course 3.07 plus compendium) (2004 Edition)

This three-volume course covers the requirements for hull structures at initial, annual, intermediate, periodical and renewal and additional surveys, as specified in SOLAS, as amended up to its 1988 Protocol, and in the 1966 Load Lines Convention, including its 1988 Protocol.

Survey of Navigational Aids and Equipment
(Model course 3.08 plus compendium) (2004 Edition)

This course covers the requirements for the initial, annual, intermediate and periodical surveys, as specified in SOLAS. Those wishing to undertake this course should be fully qualified deck officers or hold an equivalent qualification and have experience related to the survey or repair of navigational aids and equipment of ships.
Port State Control
(Model course 3.09) (2001 Edition)

This course is for officers, whether they have been ship surveyors, masters, chief officers or chief or second engineer officers, who are to be authorized by their Governments to execute port State control in accordance with regulation 19 of chapter I and regulation 4 of chapter XI-1 of SOLAS, as amended, with article 21 of Load Lines, with articles 5 and 6 and regulations I/4, II/10, III/8 and V/8 of MARPOL, with article X and regulation 4 of chapter I of STCW and with article 12 of Tonnage Convention.

Safety Investigation into Marine Casualties and Marine Incidents
(Model course 3.11) (2014 Edition)

The course is essentially balanced between theory (lecture material), practical group exercises and case studies. It consists of a series of exercises structured around the requirements of the international legislation, IMO conventions and instruments, and the required common and homogeneous approach, application of consistent methodology and no blame culture to adopt in the conduct of marine safety investigations into marine casualties and marine incidents; as well as to provide reports to the Organization.

Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers
(Model course 3.12) (2017 Edition)

The model course includes introductory classroom instruction on the assessment, examination and certification of seafarers (in particular masters, chief engineers, deck and engineer officers), covering the provisions for training, assessment, examination and certification of masters, officers and ratings of the STCW Convention; the implementation of these provisions under national law; the selection of assessment methods; the organization of assessments, and the issue and control of certificates.
SAR Administration (IAMSAR Manual Volume I)  
(Model course 3.13) (2014 Edition)

This course is intended to provide an introduction to the administration and management of a maritime search and rescue (SAR) service to assist States in meeting their own SAR needs, and the obligations they accepted under the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 and its amendments together with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, and its amendments.

SAR Mission Coordinator (IAMSAR Manual, Volume II)  
(Model course 3.14) (2020 Edition)

This course provides specific training for those who may be designated to perform the duties and responsibilities of a search and rescue mission coordinator (SMC) at a maritime or joint rescue coordination centre or sub-centre for a search and rescue (SAR) incident, and is based on the content of the 2019 edition of IAMSAR Manual Volume II. The course highlights SMC-relevant issues for the organization of a maritime SAR service in general, and assists States in meeting their own SAR needs, and the obligations they accepted under the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979, as amended, together with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended.

This model course is one of a set of three based on the three volumes of the IAMSAR Manual: Model Course 3.13 SAR Administration, is intended for government administration and management as discussed in IAMSAR Manual Volume I; and Model Course 3.15 SAR On-scene Coordinator, is intended for mobile SAR response facilities as discussed in IAMSAR Manual Volume III. Together, the three model courses for the three volumes of the IAMSAR Manual provide a full view of the global and national SAR system.
SAR On-Scene Coordinator (IAMSAR Manual Volume III)
(Model course 3.15) (2014 Edition)

This model course aims to provide knowledge to those who may be designated to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Search and Rescue On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) for a search and rescue incident, as defined in the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual (IAMSAR), Volume III.

Maritime English

There are two sections in the revised IMO model course on Maritime English: Core section 1: General Maritime English (GME), and Core section 2: Specialized Maritime English (SME), both of which contain a number of detailed teaching syllabi. GME means that the first stage of Maritime English instruction could be general. SME means that the second stage of Maritime English instruction could be maritime-specific.

IMO SMCP on CD: A Pronunciation Guide

The phrases in this guide can be selected by number, or found by searching for words, before they are played.
The guide can be used as a learning aid to supplement the English, French and Spanish e-books.
Safe Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTUs)
(Model course 3.18) (2001 Edition)

This course provides basic training in the safe packing and securing of cargoes in cargo transport units.

Workbook (sold separately), with quick lashing guides for transport on road and in sea areas A, B and C.

Ship Security Officer
(Model course 3.19) (2012 Edition)

This model course is intended to provide knowledge to those who may be designated to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Ship Security Officer (SSO), as defined in section A/2.1.6 (and section A/12) of the ISPS Code and in section A-VI/5 of the STCW Code, as amended, and in particular the duties and responsibilities with respect to the security of a ship, for implementing and maintaining a Ship Security Plan and for liaising with the Company Security Officer (CSO) and with Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs).

Company Security Officer
(Model course 3.20) (2011 Edition)

This model course has been based on MSC/Circ.1154, ”Guidelines on training and certification for Company Security Officers”, and aims to provide knowledge to those who may be designated to perform the duties and responsibilities of a Company Security Officer (CSO), as defined in paragraph 2.1.7 (and paragraph 11) of the ISPS Code, Part A.
Port Facility Security Officer
(Model course 3.21) (2015 Edition)

This model course aims to assist instructors in the design and delivery of Port Facility Security officer (PFSO) training courses by linking the knowledge required to competently perform the duties and responsibilities of a PFSO, as identified in MSC.1/Circ.1188, Guidelines on Training and Certification for Port Facility Security Officers (22 May 2006), to the relevant guidance material contained in the Guide to Maritime Security and the ISPS Code, 2012 Edition and identifying opportunities to increase the level of knowledge in certain key areas of responsibility.

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Flag State Implementation
(Model course 3.22) (2010 Edition)

This course is intended to provide officers of the Maritime Safety Administration with information on the different obligations and duties of the flag States as required by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). It describes how the flag State administration would efficiently discharge such obligations and duties.

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Actions to be Taken to Prevent Acts of Piracy and Armed Robbery
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The emphasis of this model course is not on training to fight pirates, but rather to assist trainees to identify, deter or mitigate such events through proper planning, preparation and coordination with various entities.

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This model course is intended to provide the knowledge required for port facility personnel with designated security duties, such as guards, access control officers, training officers and relevant port facility managers, in connection with a Port Facility Security Plan (PFSP) to perform their duties in accordance with the requirements of SOLAS, chapter XI-2, the ISPS Code, the IMDG Code, the IMO/ILO Code of Practice on Security in Ports, and guidance contained in IMO MSC.1/Circ.1341 on Guidelines on Security-related training and familiarization for port facility personnel.


This model course is intended to provide the knowledge required to enable personnel without designated security duties in connection with a Port Facility Security Plan (PFSP) to enhance security in accordance with the requirements of Chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 74 as amended, the ISPS Code, the IMDG Code, the IMO/ILO Code of Practice on Security in Ports, and guidance contained in IMO MSC.1/Circ.1341.


This model course is intended to provide the knowledge required for seafarers with designated security duties in connection with a Ship Security Plan (SSP) to perform their duties in accordance with the requirements of chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 74, as amended, the ISPS Code, and section A-VI/6 of the STCW Code, as amended.
Security Awareness Training for all Seafarers
(Model course 3.27) (2012 Edition)

This model course is intended to provide the knowledge required to enable personnel without designated security duties in connection with a Ship Security Plan (SSP) to enhance ship security in accordance with the requirements of chapter XI-2 of SOLAS 74 as amended, the ISPS Code, and section A-VI/6-1 of the STCW Code, as amended.

Energy Efficient Operation of Ships
(Model course 4.05) (2014 Edition)

This model course is designed to facilitate the delivery of training in order to promote the energy-efficient operation of ships. The course contributes to the IMO's environmental protection goals as set out in resolutions A.947(23) and A.998(25) by promulgating industry “Best Practices”, which reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the negative impact of global shipping on climate change.

Training Course for Instructors
(Model course 6.09) (2017 Edition)

This course is designed to facilitate the delivery of training in the competence standards required by the STCW Convention. It will also provide a sound basis for the delivery of other training programmes.
Train the Simulator Trainer and Assessor
(Model course 6.10) (2012 Edition)

The course includes technical aspects of teaching that have a direct relation with the maritime simulator world. Without delving into the details at this stage, it is however emphasized that the simulator pedagogy, as well as psychology of learning forms an important element of the course.

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(Model course 7.01) (2014 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for knowledge, understanding and proficiency in Table A-II/2 of STCW Code for the function Navigation at the Management Level, for the function Cargo Handling and Stowage at the Management Level and the background knowledge to support Controlling the Operation of the Ship and Care for Persons on Board at the Management Level.

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(Model course 7.02) (2014 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for knowledge, understanding and proficiency in Table A-III/2 of STCW Code for the function Marine Engineering at the Management Level, for the function Electrical, Electronic and Control Engineering at the Management Level, for the function Maintenance and Repair at the Management Level and the background knowledge to support Controlling the Operation of the Ship and Care for Persons on Board at the Management Level.

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(Model course 7.03) (2014 Edition)

This model course comprises three functions at the operational level. On successful completion of the training and assessment trainees should be competent to carry out safely the watchkeeping duties of an officer in charge of a navigational watch, both at sea and in port. In particular, they will be fully conversant with the basic principles to be observed in keeping a navigational watch as per STCW Regulation VIII/2 and STCW Code Chapter VIII.

Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch  
(Model course 7.04) (2014 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for knowledge, understanding and proficiency in Table A-III/1 of STCW Code for the function Marine Engineering, Electrical, Electronic and Control Engineering, Maintenance and Repair and Controlling the Operation of the Ship and Care for Persons on Board at the Operational Level.

Skipper on a Fishing Vessel  
(Model course 7.05) (2008 Edition)

The standards of competence that have to be met by fishing vessel personnel are defined in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F). It sets out the education and training requirements for achieving those standards. Specifically, this course covers the minimum standard of competence for skippers on fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over, operating in unlimited waters.
Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch on a Fishing Vessel
(Model course 7.06) (2008 Edition)

The course is organized under the three functions at the operating level of responsibility. Specifically, this course covers the minimum standard of competence for officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over, operating in unlimited waters.

Chief Engineer Officer and Second Engineer Officer on a Fishing Vessel
(Model course 7.07) (2008 Edition)

The course is organized under three functions at the management level of responsibility to cover all the required functional elements. Specifically, this course covers the minimum standard of competence for chief engineer officers and second engineer officers on fishing vessels powered by main propulsion machinery of 750 kW propulsion power or more required by regulation II/5 of STCW-F.

Electro-Technical Engineer
(Model course 7.08) (2014 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for knowledge, understanding and proficiency in Table A-III/6 of STCW Code for the function Electrical, Electronic and Control Engineering at the Operational Level, for the function Maintenance and Repair at the Operational Level and the background knowledge to support Controlling the Operation of the Ship and Care for Persons on Board at the Operational Level.
Ratings Forming Part of a Watch in a Manned Engine-room or Designated to Perform Duties in a Periodically Unmanned Engine-room
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This course is principally intended for candidates for certification as ratings forming part of a watch in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room.

Ratings as Able Seafarer Deck
(Model course 7.10) (2017 Edition)

The course is organized under four functions (Navigation; Cargo Handling and Stowage; Controlling the Operation of the Ship and Care for Persons on Board; and Maintenance and Repair) at the support level to cover the minimum standard of competence of ratings as able seafarer deck on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more. On successful completion of the training and assessment trainees should be competent to carry out safely the duties of ratings as able seafarer deck.

Basic Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters
(Model course 7.11) (2017 Edition)

This “basic” course provides training to navigation officers to operate ships in polar waters and to address those additional provisions deemed necessary for consideration beyond existing requirements of the SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions, in order to take into account the climatic conditions of polar waters and to meet appropriate standards of maritime safety and pollution prevention.
Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters
(Model course 7.12) (2017 Edition)

This “advanced” course provides training to navigation officers to operate ships in polar waters and to address those additional provisions deemed necessary for consideration beyond existing requirements of the SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions, in order to take into account the climatic conditions of polar waters and to meet appropriate standards of maritime safety and pollution prevention.

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Basic training for masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code
(Model course 7.13) (2019 Edition)

This course gives practical guidance, training and basic qualifications for seafarers responsible for the care and use of, and in-emergency response to, the fuel on board ships subject to the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code). It contains exercises structured around the safe operation of ships, their installations of systems for propulsion machinery and auxiliary power generation machinery using gas or other low-flashpoint fuel.

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Advanced training for masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code
(Model course 7.14) (2019 Edition)

This course comprises an advanced training programme and qualification for personnel with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on ships subject to the IGF Code, and builds upon the learning outcomes of the basic course. The course addresses trainees’ duties to apply a safety culture on board and be familiar with the properties of liquefied gas fuels, take precautions to prevent hazards, apply health and safety precautions and fire safety measures, respond to emergencies, prevent pollution of the environment, and monitor and control compliance with legislative requirements.

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(Model course 7.15) (2019 Edition)

The aim of this model course is to meet the mandatory minimum standards of competence for seafarers as electro-technical ratings, in the following functions: electrical, electronic and control engineering; maintenance and repair; and controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board, at the support level specified in table A-III/7 of the STCW Code.

Ratings as Able Seafarer Engine
(Model course 7.16) (2019 Edition)

This model course aims to meet the mandatory minimum requirements for the knowledge, understanding and proficiency in table A-III/5 of the STCW Code. The course comprises four functions at the support level: Marine engineering; Electrical, electronic and control engineering; Maintenance and repair; and Controlling the operation of the ship and care for persons on board.

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