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Flag State Regulations and Guidance Update

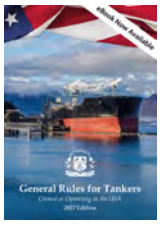
- **Australia** – has released an update entitled 'Marine Order 503 (Certificates of survey — national law) 2026'.
- **Canada** – has released an update entitled 'Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) training requirements'.
- **Hong Kong** – has released two updates:
  - 'MSIN 17/2026 United Nations Sanctions (Democratic Republic of the Congo) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026'
  - 'MSIN 18/2026 United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulation 2019 (Amendment) Regulation 2026'.
- **Liberia** – has released three updates:
  - 'Marine Security Bulletin: 48/2026 - Unauthorized Boarding in Gulf of Aden'
  - 'Marine Security Bulletin: 47/2026 - Vessel attack in the Arabian Gulf'
  - 'Marine Security Bulletin: 46/2026 - Vessel attacks in the Strait of Hormuz'.
- **Malta** – has released an update entitled 'Information Notice 64 - Insufficient passage width in free fall lifeboats'.
- **Panama** – has released three updates:
  - 'Circular 245 - Armed Security Personnel on board Panama flagged vessels transiting High Risk Areas'
  - 'Circular 194 - Extended service intervals not exceeding 30 months for novel inflatable liferafts'
  - 'Circular 183 - Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)'.
- **Singapore** – has released an update entitled 'Port Marine Circular No.12 of 2026 - Early Adopter Scheme for Electric Harbour Craft (EASE)'.
- **UK** – has released an update entitled 'MIN 655 Amendment 2 (M+F) new-style certificates for UK seafarers and those working onboard UK ships'.

Recent Class Society Guidance

- **ABS** – has released three updates:
  - 'Importance of Accurate Vessel Air Draft Information'
  - 'Unmanned Surface Vessels'
  - 'Enhanced Life Saving Appliance Maintenance'.
- **Lloyd's Register** – has released two updates:
  - 'LR introduces new notation to tackle EV fire risks on car carriers'
  - 'LR reviews methodology to verify wind-assisted fuel savings'.

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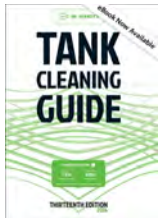
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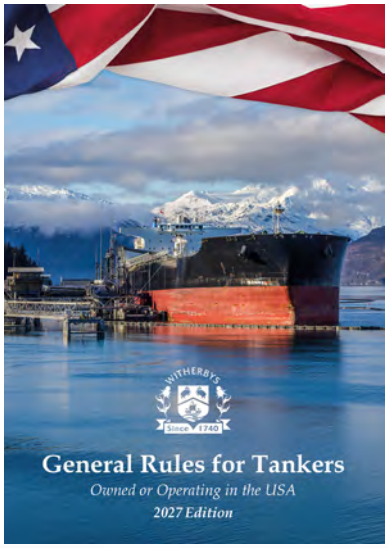
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- **Gard** – has released an update entitled 'Mediation in shipping disputes: an opportunity worth taking'.
- **Japan P&I** – has released three updates:
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  - 'USA - Verification of Air Draft and Navigational Safety Management'
  - '[Philippines Legal Update] Supreme Court Upholds Validity of Final Disability Assessment Issued Beyond 120 Days'.
- **London P&I** – has released an update entitled 'Sanctions Clauses in Charterparties: Are Standard Clauses Enough?'.
- **North Standard** – has released three updates:
  - 'ANTAQ overhauls Brazil's Inland Navigation Framework'
  - 'Brazilian Ports revise operational limits'
  - 'EU Entry/Exit System: Implications for Dutch Port Operations and Crew Changes'.
- **Skuld** – has released two updates:
  - 'EU Emission Trading System applying to offshore vessels from 1 January 2027'
  - 'The US and China reciprocally extend the suspensions of service fees'.
- **The American Club** – has released three updates:
  - 'PRC: Administrative Penalties for Breach of Inland Water Traffic Rules in Ports Along the Yangtze River'
  - 'U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Marine Safety Alert: Air Draft - Confirm Your Highest Point'
  - 'Circular No. 20/26 - OFAC Issues a Determination Targeting the Marine, Manufacturing, and Other Sectors of the Cuban Economy and Issues an Alert on False Flagging'.
- **UK P&I** – has released an update entitled 'Crew Health Advice: Men's Health and Wellbeing at Sea'.
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