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TO : All Ship-owners, Ship managers, Masters and Officers of The Philippine Registered Ships engaged in the overseas trade, Recognized Organizations and other concerned entities

SUBJECT : List of International Maritime Organization (IMO) Amendments to enter into force this year and the next

Notice is hereby given that the following amendments to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) instruments are entering into force on the dates specified herein:

IMO Instruments	Date of Effectivity
1. International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code)	1 January 2017
2. International Convention for the Prevention and the Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Annex I)	
3. International Convention for the Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS) using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF CODE)	
4. International Convention for the Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS)- Venting	
5. International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW Manila Amendments) transitional provisions end	
6. International Convention for the Prevention and the Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Amendments) Sewage Special Area, NOx tire III reporting	1 September 2017
7. Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (Revised FAL Convention)	1 January 2018
8. International Convention for the Prevention and the Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Annex VI) Collection and reporting of ship fuel oil consumption data	1 March 2018
9. International Convention for the Prevention and the Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Annex I- IOPPC), (MARPOL Annex V-HME products)	

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10. International Convention on the Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW Polar Waters, Emergency Training on passenger ships)	1 July 2018
11. International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections (ESP Code)	
12. International Convention for the Safety of Life At Sea (SOLAS Amendments) amendments to Codes	1 January 2020

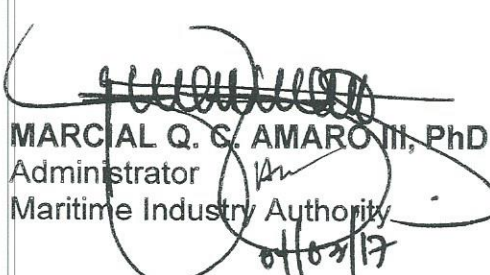
All Philippine overseas shipping companies, ship managers and other concerned maritime entities are required to prepare for the implementation of these instruments.

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List of amendments expected to enter into force this year and in the coming years
Includes certain other specified "effective dates"

1 January 2017 – Polar Code

The International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters (Polar Code) and related amendments to make it mandatory under both SOLAS and MARPOL enter into force.

The Polar Code will apply to new ships constructed after 1 January 2017. Ships constructed before 1 January 2017 will be required to meet the relevant requirements of the Polar Code by the first intermediate or renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after 1 January 2018

1 January 2017 - MARPOL Annex I - oil residues

Amendments to regulation 12 of MARPOL Annex I, concerning tanks for oil residues (sludge). The amendments update and revise the regulation, expanding on the requirements for discharge connections and piping to ensure oil residues are properly disposed of.

1 January 2017 – SOLAS – IGF Code

International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), along with amendments to make the Code mandatory under SOLAS enter into force.

The amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 (Construction – Structure, subdivision and stability, machinery and electrical installations), include amendments to Part F Alternative design and arrangements, to provide a methodology for alternative design and arrangements for machinery, electrical installations and low-flashpoint fuel storage and distribution systems; and a new Part G Ships using low-flashpoint fuels, to add new regulations to require ships constructed after the expected date of entry into force of 1 January 2017 to comply with the requirements of the IGF Code, together with related amendments to chapter II-2 and Appendix (Certificates).

The IGF Code contains mandatory provisions for the arrangement, installation, control and monitoring of machinery, equipment and systems using low-flashpoint fuels, focusing initially on LNG.

The Code addresses all areas that need special consideration for the usage of low-flashpoint fuels, taking a goal-based approach, with goals and functional requirements specified for each section forming the basis for the design, construction and operation of ships using this type of fuel.

Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), and STCW Code, to include new mandatory

minimum requirements for the training and qualifications of masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code, also enter into force on 1 January 2017.

1 January 2017 – SOLAS - venting

Amendments to SOLAS regulations II-2/4.5 and II-2/11.6, clarifying the provisions related to the secondary means of venting cargo tanks in order to ensure adequate safety against over- and under-pressure in the event of a cargo tank isolation valve being damaged or inadvertently closed, and SOLAS regulation II-2/20 relating to performance of ventilation systems.

1 January 2017 - STCW Manila amendments transitional provisions end

From 1 January 2017, STCW certificates must be issued, renewed and revalidated in accordance with the provisions of the 2010 Manila Amendments.

1 September 2017 - MARPOL amendments sewage special area, NOx tier III reporting

MARPOL amendments adopted in April 2016 (MEPC 69) enter into force:

amendments to MARPOL Annex IV relating to the dates for implementation of the discharge requirements for passenger ships while in a special area, i.e. not before 1 June 2019 for new passenger ships and not before 1 June 2021 for existing passenger ships;

amendments to MARPOL Annex II, appendix I, related to the revised GESAMP hazard evaluation procedure;

amendments to MARPOL Annex VI regarding record requirements for operational compliance with NOX Tier III emission control areas;

amendments to the NOX Technical Code 2008 to facilitate the testing of gas-fuelled engines and dual fuel engines.

1 January 2018 - Revised FAL Convention

The revised Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL) includes mandatory requirements for the electronic exchange of information on cargo, crew and passengers.

A new recommended practice encourages the use of the "single window" concept, to enable all the information required by public authorities in connection with the arrival, stay and departure of ships, persons and cargo, to be submitted via a single portal without duplication.

Other revised standards cover shore leave and access to shore-side facilities for crew, including the addition of a paragraph in the standard to say that there should be no

Adopted by MSC 97. Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) and its related STCW Code, to include new mandatory minimum training requirements for masters and deck officers on ships operating in Polar Waters; and an extension of emergency training for personnel on passenger ships.

1 July 2018 - ESP Code

Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code). Adopted by MSC 97.

1 January 2020 - SOLAS amendments , amendments to Codes

Amendments adopted by MSC 97:

Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/3-12 on protection against noise, regulations II-2/1 and II-2/10 on firefighting and new regulation XI-1/2-1 on harmonization of survey periods of cargo ships not subject to the ESP Code.

Amendments to the 2008 International code on Intact Stability (IS Code), relating to ships engaged in anchor handling operations and to ships engaged in lifting and towing operations, including escort towing. The amendments are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2020.

Amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code), clarifying the distribution of crew in public spaces for the calculation of stairways width. The amendments are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2020.

Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code), aligning the wheelhouse window fire-rating requirements in the IGC Code with those in SOLAS chapter II-2. The amendments are expected to enter into force on 1 January 2020.