



## LOSS PREVENTION UPDATE

### INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) – MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (MSC) UPDATE

The IMO recently hosted the [109<sup>th</sup> session of the MSC from 2 to 6 December 2024](#).

During this session, several amendments were adopted, and the text of further amendments and circulars were approved. Key highlights include:

- Adopted amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code), removing the prohibition on using Ammonia as a fuel source when carried as cargo, from 1 July 2026 (whilst also approving the text of a circular on voluntary early adoption)
- Approved interim guidelines for the safe use of Ammonia as fuel
- Adopted various amendments to the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), with entry into force from 1 January 2028
- Approved various amendments to the IGC Code, expected to be adopted at MSC 110, and entering into force from 1 January 2028
- Approved the draft amendments to the requirements for pilot transfer arrangements, including the possibility of early adoption, with the intention of adoption at MSC 110
- Continued progress on the Maritime Autonomous Surface Ship (MASS) Code, with the non-mandatory code now expected to be finalised and adopted at MSC 111 in May 2026, with the mandatory code entering force in 2032.

A useful summary of the main outcomes from the session can be found [here](#).

For more information and interpretation of the upcoming regulations, shipowners should consult their classification society and/or flag state administration as appropriate.

The next session, MSC 110, is scheduled to take place between 18 and 27 June 2025.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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