

2026 Amendments to IMO Conventions

Subjects	Requirement Resolution No. Entry into force	New Ship Existing Ship	Ship types	Size	Implementation Date	Convention
Amendments to NOx Technical Code on Certification of an Engine Subject to Substantial Modification or Being Certified to a Tier to which the Engine Was Not Certified at the Time of Its Installation	NOx Technical Code 2008 MEPC.398(83) 2026/09/01	New Ship	All	All	1 September 2026	MARPOL
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 September 2026	
Amendments to IGC Code	IGC Code MSC.566(109) 2026/07/01	New Ship	Gas carriers	All	1 July 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	Gas carriers	All	1 July 2026	
Designation of SOx ECA (Norwegian Sea and Canadian Arctic)	MARPOL Annex VI MEPC.392(82) 2026/03/01	New Ship	All	All	1 March 2027	MARPOL
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 March 2027	
Designation of NOx ECA (Norwegian Sea)	MARPOL Annex VI	New Ship	All	All	Ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 March 2026; or ships the keel of which are laid on or	MARPOL

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	MEPC.392(82) 2026/03/01				after 1 September 2026, in the absence of a building contract; or ships the delivery of which is on or after 1 March 2030	
		Existing Ship				
Designation of NOx ECA (Canadian Arctic)	MARPOL Annex VI MEPC.392(82) 2026/03/01	New Ship	All	All	Ships the keels of which are laid or that are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2025	MARPOL
		Existing Ship				
Amendments to requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear (Resolution MSC.402(96))	MSC.402(96) MSC.559(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	

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Amendments to IGF Code	IGF Code MSC.551(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	Ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2026; in the absence of a building contract, the keel of which is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 July 2026; or ships the delivery of which is on or after 1 January 2030	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to SOLAS chapter V and format of SE Certificate on carriage of electronic inclinometers	SOLAS V MSC.532(107), MSC.533(107), MSC.534(107) 2026/01/01	New Ship	Container ships and bulk carriers	3,000GT and upwards	Constructed on or after 1 January 2026 "Constructed" in respect of a ship means a stage of construction where: .1 Ships the keel of which are laid; or .2 construction identifiable with a specific ship begins; or .3 assembly of the ship has commenced comprising at least 50 tonnes or 1% of the estimated mass of	SOLAS

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					all structural material, whichever is less.	
		Existing Ship				
Amendments to Grain Code	Grain Code MSC.552(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to 2011 ESP Code	2011 ESP Code MSC.553(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to IMDG Code	IMDG Code MSC.556(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	Ships carrying IMDG Cargo	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	Ships carrying IMDG Cargo	All	1 January 2026	

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Amendments to LSA Code	LSA Code 4.6 MSC.535(107), MSC.544(107) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	Applies to totally enclosed lifeboats installed on or after 1 January 2029	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	Applies to totally enclosed lifeboats installed on or after 1 January 2029	
Amendments to Resolution MSC.288(87) in accordance with change of name of PSPC qualified coating inspectors	MSC.288(87) MSC.558(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to LSA Code	LSA Code MSC.554(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	For ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2026, or in the absence of the contract, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2026, applies to all life- saving appliances of the specified type on board those ships	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	For ships other than those ships specified above, applies to all life-	

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					saving appliances of the specified type, having a contractual delivery date for the equipment or, in the absence of a contractual delivery date to the ship, actually delivered to the ship on or after 1 January 2026	
Amendments to Resolution MSC.215(82) in accordance with change of name of PSPC qualified coating inspectors	MSC.215(82) MSC.557(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-2 for safety measures on use of fuel oil	SOLAS II-2 MSC.520(106) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to IGC Code	IGC Code MSC.523(106) 2026/01/01	New Ship	Gas carriers	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	Gas carriers	All	1 January 2026	

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Amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2 and FSS Code on fire safety of ro-ro spaces, etc.	SOLAS II-2, FSS Code MSC.550(108), MSC.555(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	Ships the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	Passenger ships	All	Not later than the first survey on or after 1 January 2028	
Amendments to IGF Code	IGF Code MSC.524(106) 2026/01/01	New Ship	Ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	Ships using gases or other low-flashpoint fuels	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to SOLAS Chapter II-1 on safety requirements for lifting appliances and anchor handling winches	SOLAS II-1 MSC.532(107) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	

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Amendments to SOLAS chapter II-2, etc. on the prohibition of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	SOLAS II-1, 1994/2000 HSC CODE MSC.532(107), MSC.536(107), MSC.537(107) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	SOLAS
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to STCW Code	STCW Code MSC.560(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	STCW
		Existing Ship	All	All	1 January 2026	
Amendments to STCW-F Convention and STCW-F Code	STCW-F Convention and STCW-F Code MSC.561(108), MSC.562(108) 2026/01/01	New Ship	Fishing vessels	All	1 January 2026	STCW
		Existing Ship	Fishing vessels	All	1 January 2026	