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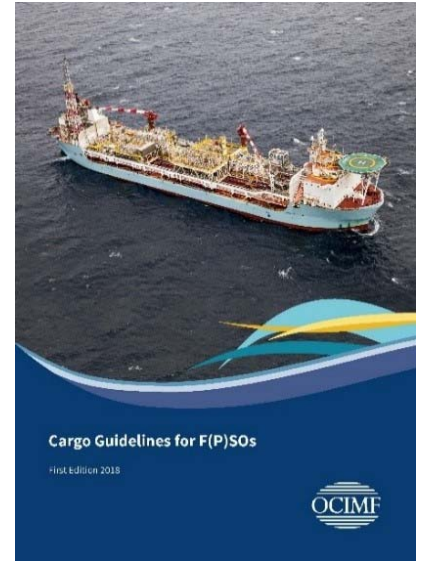
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Cargo Guidelines for F(P)SOs – out now

OCIMF is proud to present *Cargo Guidelines for F(P)SOs*, which offers guidelines, recommendations and best practice for safe cargo handling and associated operations on board F(P)SOs.

It supplements existing guidance in *International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT)* by addressing activities and procedures that are either outside the scope of *ISGOTT* or that are conducted differently on F(P)SOs, which often have multiple operations taking place at the same time. This is the first of two books released by the Offshore Marine Committee (OMC) this year. The second, *Guidelines for Offshore Tanker Operations*, provides guidance on safe mooring and cargo transfer between offshore terminals and offtake tankers and will be released later this year.



[Buy Cargo Guidelines for F\(P\)SOs now](#)

OVPQ, CAT2 and Ship Assist OVIQ Questionnaires



OVID Focus Group (OFG16) meeting in Paris, Total office

Three significant milestones were recently achieved in the OVID Focus Group (OFG). Based on direct feedback from both the industry (through the OVID User Group) and inspector interactions with vessel operators, OFG participants prioritised two key areas for the benefit of vessel operators.

The first was the length of the Offshore Vessel Particulars Questionnaire (OVPQ), which was often mentioned in feedback from the International Marine Contractors Association (IMCA) and vessel operators. The OFG took on this challenge in 2017 and the questionnaire has now been reduced by over 75% to 163 questions, down from more than 850 questions. The original OVPQ was a significant time burden for vessel operators, and often asked for duplicate information that was available elsewhere. The revised OVPQ should ease vessel operators' concerns considerably.

The second key area was the opportunity to improve the CAT2 inspection protocol for small vessels (less than 100 GRT). The key challenge for this revision was maintaining a generic approach rather than prescriptive guidelines, since small vessels are subject to a wide range of local (and often non-SOLAS) legislation.

During the CAT2 workstream, another variant was created for ship assist vessels (tugs dedicated to the docking, undocking and transit of ships within harbour limits). This very small variant allows that vessel group to provide mission-specific equipment information that is often different to generic offshore towing vessels.

The OFG working groups delivered all updates successfully in 2017 and were approved for publications on 22 February during the 16th OFG meeting.

Dynamic Positioning Assurance Framework: Risk-based Guidance

In 2015, the OCIMF Dynamic Positioning Working Group (DPWG) was formed as part of the OFG and produced a paper titled *Dynamic Positioning Assurance Framework: Risk-based Guidance*. The paper addresses three areas: the qualifications, expertise and competency of Dynamic Positioning (DP) personnel; the DP assurance framework for managing DP operational risk; and the use of manual mode to manage unmeasured external forces on a DP vessel.

[Read Dynamic Positioning Assurance Framework: Risk-based Guidance](#)

A key recommendation in the paper is that all people engaging in DP assurance activities, both ashore and offshore, should have a basic level of understanding DP assurance mitigations and a demonstrable ability to manage that DP risk within their respective field of focus or area of responsibility in their organisation.

In 2018 IMCA took on the challenge of better defining the qualifications, expertise and competency of DP personnel and formed the IMCA DP Practitioner Accreditation working group. The working group is now developing a DP practitioner's accreditation scheme to set a minimum level of knowledge for subject matter experts working in the DP industry and to improve DP trials. Faisal Rashid, OCIMF Technical Adviser – Offshore, is an active participant of this working group.

OCIMF and IMCA collaborate on OVID programme



OVID Collaboration Committee between OCIMF and IMCA, 1st meeting at OCIMF HQ

IMCA and OCIMF have also formed a joint committee called the OVID Collaboration Committee, which met for the first time in London on 11 April 2018. The Committee is made up of four members from each of IMCA and OCIMF OFG, with the purpose of allowing IMCA direct feedback on OVID. Its aim is to streamline OVID, as was recently done with the OVPQ questions.

Taken together, these areas of collaboration with IMCA are significant, very positive and provide OCIMF members with direct vessel operator feedback and the opportunity to consistently improve OVID for the benefit of global offshore vessel safety.

OVID minimum inspection requirements approved by

OMC



Offshore Marine Committee 16th meeting at OCIMF HQ

The OFG has defined new criteria for the annual minimum inspection requirement for accredited inspectors, which was approved at the Offshore Marine Committee (OMC)'s 16th meeting in April 2018.

Minimum inspection requirement for 2018/2019

To maintain accreditation, inspectors must submit a minimum number of reports to OVID each year. Inspectors who do not submit the minimum number of reports will have their accreditation temporarily withdrawn. The minimum number of inspections required each year in 2018 and 2019 is four (4).

Failure to meet the minimum inspection requirement

Any inspector who fails to submit the minimum number of inspections during the year will, on 31 December of the same year, have their accreditation temporarily withdrawn.

Exceptions:

- **Vetters:** Inspectors who are direct employees of a submitting member as a vetter, i.e. who are normally involved with the day-to-day administration of a vetting department, will only need to submit a minimum of two inspections each year. The Vetting Manager (or equivalent position) in the submitting member company will be responsible for notifying the OCIMF Accreditation Administrator by email to designate or withdraw vetter status for that member's direct employees.
- **Urgent inspection requests:** Member companies who urgently need to use an inspector who has only submitted three inspections in the previous calendar year may request a temporary exception for that inspection. The member must submit supporting documentation to the OCIMF Technical Adviser – Offshore for approval. The inspector will still need to attend a refresher training course to maintain accreditation (see below).

Regaining accreditation

Inspectors who have submitted three reports in the previous calendar year can regain accreditation by attending and successfully completing an inspector refresher course.

Inspectors who have submitted two or fewer (2, 1 or 0) reports in the previous calendar year must be nominated by a submitting member, attend a three-day new inspector course and successfully pass the examinations under the same procedures as for applicant inspectors.

Inspectors who fail to be re-accredited within two years of the date their accreditation was temporarily withdrawn, but who wish to regain accreditation, must be nominated by a submitting member to attend a three-day applicant inspector's course and successfully pass the examinations under the same procedures as for a new inspector course.

This minimum inspection requirement will be enforced from 31 December 2018.

Forthcoming information paper: *Deck Cargo Management Onboard Offshore Vessels*



DCMOOV Working Group 8th Meeting in Chevron offices, Perth, Australia

On behalf of the OCIMF Offshore Marine Committee Chair and members, the OCIMF Director and the Secretariat, I would like to congratulate the Deck Cargo Management Onboard Offshore Vessels (DCMOOV) Working Group for completing the development stage of their information paper.

It has been a solid team effort with positive collaboration between OCIMF members and offshore vessel operators. The information paper, titled *Deck Cargo Management Onboard Offshore Vessels*, aims to create a shift change in the safety culture of deck cargo operations onboard offshore vessels. It provides risk-based guidance to offshore industry personnel, vessel crews and Maritime Industry Participants (MIPs) on safe working practices involving cargo handling between shore-based operations, offshore facilities and

vessel operators. This document is intended to assist Masters' decision-making in ensuring the safety of life on offshore vessels.

The information paper is expected to be released in November 2018.

OFG existing activities status update

Existing Activities (Output)	Status 1	Status 2	Status 3
Review and update OVIQ2/MODU	Submitted to MIS 21 Feb 2018	MIS-Member IT 1 May 2018	17 Sep 2018 – Live
Develop Small Vessel (<100GRT) OVIQ	Submitted to MIS 21 Feb 2018	MIS-Member IT 1 May 2018	17 Sep 2018 – Live
Column stabilised/Jack up/ Accommodation variants	Submitted to MIS 21 Feb 2018	MIS-Member IT 1 May 2018	17 Sep 2018 – Live
Ship Assist escort tug	Submitted to MIS 21 Feb 2018	MIS-Member IT 1 April 2018	17 Sep 2018 – Live
OVPQ review	Submitted to MIS on Dec 17	MIS-Member IT 19 Jan 2018	16 April 18 – Live

F(P)SO Marine Assessment Questionnaire update



F(P)SO Marine Assessment Questionnaire Working Group 5th Meeting in London, OCIMF HQ

The F(P)SO Questionnaire Working Group held their fifth meeting 26–27 June 2018, following a transition meeting for the new Chair Krzysztof Burant (Chevron). The working group plans to complete the first draft of *Guidelines on Marine Assessment of F(P)SOs* and the Inspection Questionnaire by the next meeting. The next working group meeting will be held on 18 September in St. John's, hosted by Husky Energy.

OVMSA2 Status Update



OVMSA2 Working Group met in London, OCIMF HQ

The Offshore Vessel Management and Self Assessment (OVMSA2) Working Group met on 23 April 2018. The working group has now completed its first review of the draft document. At the next meeting, the working group will start a full review, with the aim of producing a clean copy for OFG review. The next OVMSA2 meeting will be 8–9 August in Houston, hosted by Chevron.

17th OVID User Group Meeting in Singapore

The 17th OVID User Group Meeting will take place in Singapore on 11 September 2018. The agenda will include:

- Updates on OCIMF committee structure, Secretariat and activities.
- OVID programme statistics for the last six months.
- Updates on revisions to OVPQ, OVIQ/MODU question sets, Small Vessel (<100 GRT) question set and OVMSA.
- Updates on OVID minimum inspection requirements
- Open floor for user engagement: members, inspectors and operators can raise feedback and interact with the OFG panel.

The purpose of the OVID User Group is to allow OVID users to provide their comments and feedback on the programme's operation and on where improvements might be considered. It also provides the OCIMF Secretariat with the opportunity to give advanced notice of and discuss changes to OVID. Issues discussed and raised by the OVID User Group will be reported to the OVID Focus Group.

To register your interest in attending, please contact the OVID User Group Champion Captain Praveen Bajaj at Praveen.Bajaj@conocophillips.com, and copy OCIMF Technical Advisor – Offshore Captain Faisal Rashid at Faisal.Rashid@ocimf.org, with the following information:

1. Full name.
2. Email address.
3. Company name.

Due to limited availability, the number of representatives per organisation will be limited to two and meeting seats will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Many thanks and we look forward to welcoming you to the meeting.

OVID refresher training courses held in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur



A full house at the OVID refresher course held in Singapore on 16–17 July 2018

These courses are conducted regularly in different locations around the world and help accredited inspectors keep up their knowledge and skills and ensure that OVID works to the highest standards.

These courses are delivered by OCIMF's Inspector Training and Accreditation Manager and the Technical Adviser – Offshore. Future course dates are published on our website [here](#) as well as in this newsletter.

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