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## **OCIMF Releases updated 'Tanker Management and Self Assessment TMSA3' best practice guide**

OCIMF has released its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Tanker Management and Self Assessment today. The TMSA programme is a tool that assists vessel operators assess, measure and improve their safety management systems. It sets out 13 elements of management practice that are essential for the effective management of operation of vessels. Originally launched in 2004, TMSA has rapidly gained international credibility and is used across the industry.

As well as this printed guide, the TMSA programme includes a useful online tool for recording self assessment as well as a database for sharing reports, providing ship operators with an interactive platform to monitor and improve performance and attain high standards of safety.

A useful complement to IMO Conventions and Codes, this 3rd edition has been comprehensively updated to reflect current legislation and emerging issues, and incorporates feedback from companies and users of previous editions of TMSA, as well as providing guidance on OCIMF's view of industry best practice.

Although the TMSA has been designed for companies that manage or operate tankers (worldwide, coastal and inland) and barges (international, coastal and inland), it may also be useful to other shipping sectors.

### **TMSA3 Includes:**

- Updated industry legislative requirements, including the Manila Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, the Polar Code and the Ballast Water Management Convention
- A new element 13 covering Maritime Security
- Expanded best practice guidance to complement key performance indicators and remove ambiguity and duplication
- Streamlining and merging of elements to improve consistency and make conducting the self assessment easier

- Revised Environmental and Energy Management Element, which now incorporates the OCIMF Energy Efficiency and Fuel Management paper that was a supplement to TMSA2

TMSA3 will be available in the SIRE programme and the book is available to purchase from Witherbys (witherbyseamanship.com) from 10 April 2017. Further information on the TMSA programme can be found at [www.ocimf.org/sire/about-tmsa/](http://www.ocimf.org/sire/about-tmsa/).

### **About the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF)**

The Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF) is a voluntary association of oil companies with an interest in the shipment and terminalling of crude oil, oil products, petrochemicals and gas.

The membership of OCIMF comprises 109 companies worldwide.

OCIMF's objectives are to:

**Engage** - Identify and seek to resolve safety, security and environmental issues affecting the industry through engagement with OCIMF members and external stakeholders.

**Promote** - Develop and publish guidance, recommendations and best practice by harnessing the skills and experience of OCIMF members and the wider industry. Provide tools and facilitate exchange of information, to promote continuous improvement in safe and environmentally sustainable operations

**Advocate** - Contribute to the development and encourage the ratification and implementation of international conventions and regulations. Influence industry adoption of OCIMF guidance, recommendations and best practice.

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