

International Chamber of Shipping

The voice of national shipowners' associations, representing all
sectors and trades in the global shipping industry



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Statement of Purpose

The aim of ICS is to promote the interests of shipowners and operators in all matters of shipping policy and ship operations.

To that end ICS will:

- Encourage high standards of operation and the provision of high quality and efficient shipping services.
- Strive for a regulatory environment which supports safe shipping operations, protection of the environment and adherence to internationally adopted standards and procedures.
- Promote properly considered international regulation of shipping and oppose unilateral and regional action by governments.
- Press for recognition of the commercial realities of shipping and the need for quality to be rewarded by a proper commercial return.
- Remain committed to the promotion of industry guidance on best operating practices.
- Co-operate with other organisations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, in the pursuit of these objectives.
- Anticipate whenever possible and respond whenever appropriate to policies and actions which conflict with the above.



What is ICS?

The International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) is the principal international trade association for the shipping industry, representing all sectors and trades.

ICS membership comprises national shipowners' associations whose member shipping companies operate two thirds of the world's merchant tonnage.

Established in 1921, ICS is concerned with all technical, legal and policy issues that may have an impact on international shipping.

ICS is actively engaged with the following international bodies:

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)

United Nations Conference on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

World Customs Organization (WCO)

World Trade Organization (WTO)

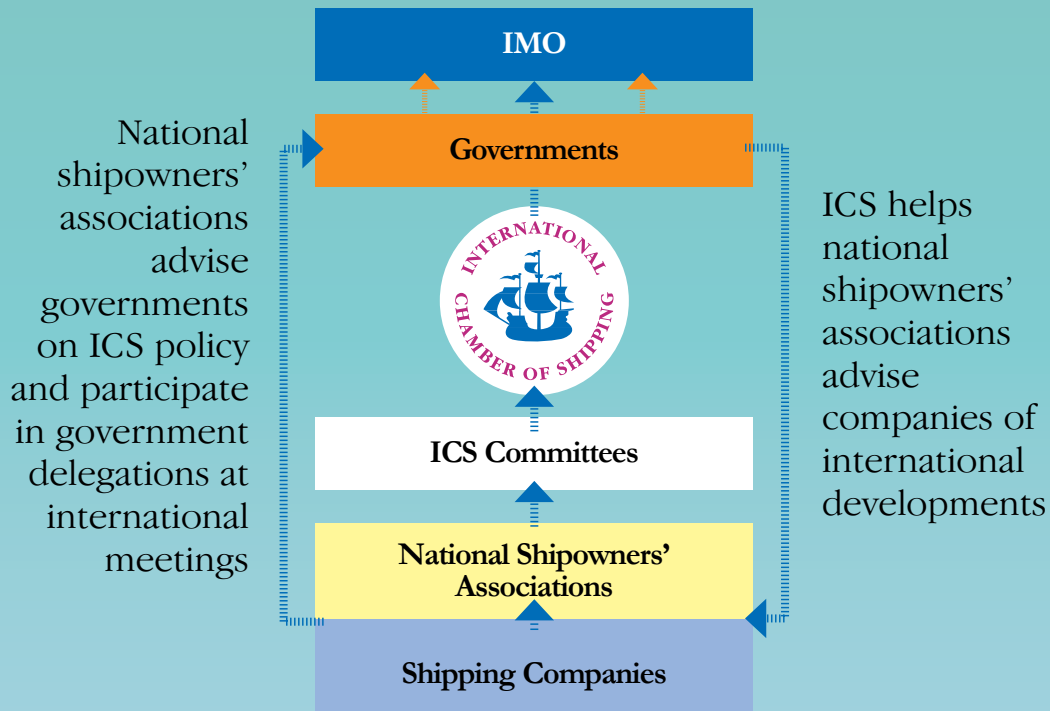
It also enjoys a close relationship with national maritime authorities throughout the world and with relevant departments and agencies of the European Union.

ICS represents the global shipping industry at the International Maritime Organization



The national associations that form the membership of ICS appoint representatives to a network of specialist ICS Committees, which are responsible for developing the international policy of the industry.

This includes positions to be adopted on international maritime regulatory questions, and on regional or national regulatory proposals that may have an impact on global shipping.



IMO in session

What areas does ICS cover?

For the past 35 years, ICS has played an influential role in the development, implementation and subsequent revisions of the SOLAS and MARPOL Conventions and their related Annexes and Codes, such as ISM and ISPS, as well as virtually every regulation adopted by IMO.

As well as being active in other intergovernmental fora, ICS enjoys close relationships with IACS, insurance underwriters, the International Group of P&I Clubs and other specialised maritime bodies and non-governmental institutions whose policies and procedures have an impact on shipping.

ICS works particularly closely with its partners in the Round Table of international shipping associations - BIMCO, Intercargo and Intertanko.

ICS continues to be centrally engaged in the co-ordination and representation of the global shipping industry's views on most issues affecting international ship operators, including:

- Atmospheric pollution prevention
- Ballast water management
- Cargo safety
- Classification standards
- Competition regulation
- Flag state performance
- Facilitation and customs
- Insurance and liability
- ISM Code implementation
- Maritime law
- Maritime security and ISPS
- Navigation
- Oil pollution compensation
- Ship construction standards
- Tanker, chemical and gas carrier safety
- Ship recycling
- Shipping and trade policy



Publications

ICS technical publications are an essential complement to government regulations, and are required reading by companies and seafarers involved in the operations to which they relate.

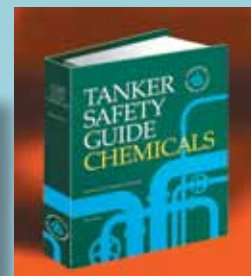
Many ICS publications are referred to in IMO Conventions and Codes and reflect current best practice in the industry. They include the following major guides:

ICS Bridge Procedures Guide

ICS/OCIMF/IAPH International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (ISGOTT)

ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals)

ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas)



Members of the International Chamber of Shipping

The membership of ICS comprises national shipowners' associations from the following countries:

AUSTRALIA	CYPRUS	INDIA	MEXICO	TURKEY
BAHAMAS	DENMARK	IRELAND	NETHERLANDS	UAE (ABU DHABI)
BELGIUM	FINLAND	ITALY	NORWAY	UNITED KINGDOM
BULGARIA	FRANCE	JAPAN	SINGAPORE	UNITED STATES
CANADA	GERMANY	KOREA	SPAIN	
CHILE	GREECE	KUWAIT	SWEDEN	
CROATIA	HONG KONG	LIBERIA	SWITZERLAND	

ICS Organisational Structure



ICS in summary

- ICS represents all sectors of the global shipping industry in international maritime regulatory discussions, especially at IMO.
- ICS provides guidance on regulatory developments and compliance with new rules affecting international shipping.
- ICS promotes best practice, including the production of expert publications.
- For most maritime countries, ICS membership for their national shipowners' association is as automatic as IMO membership for their government, and is an indicator of serious involvement in global shipping.



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