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International Maritime Organization



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# Introduction

The International Maritime Organizations' ePublications is the innovative new digital platform from IMO Publishing that offers an annual subscription option to access all IMO content in one place.

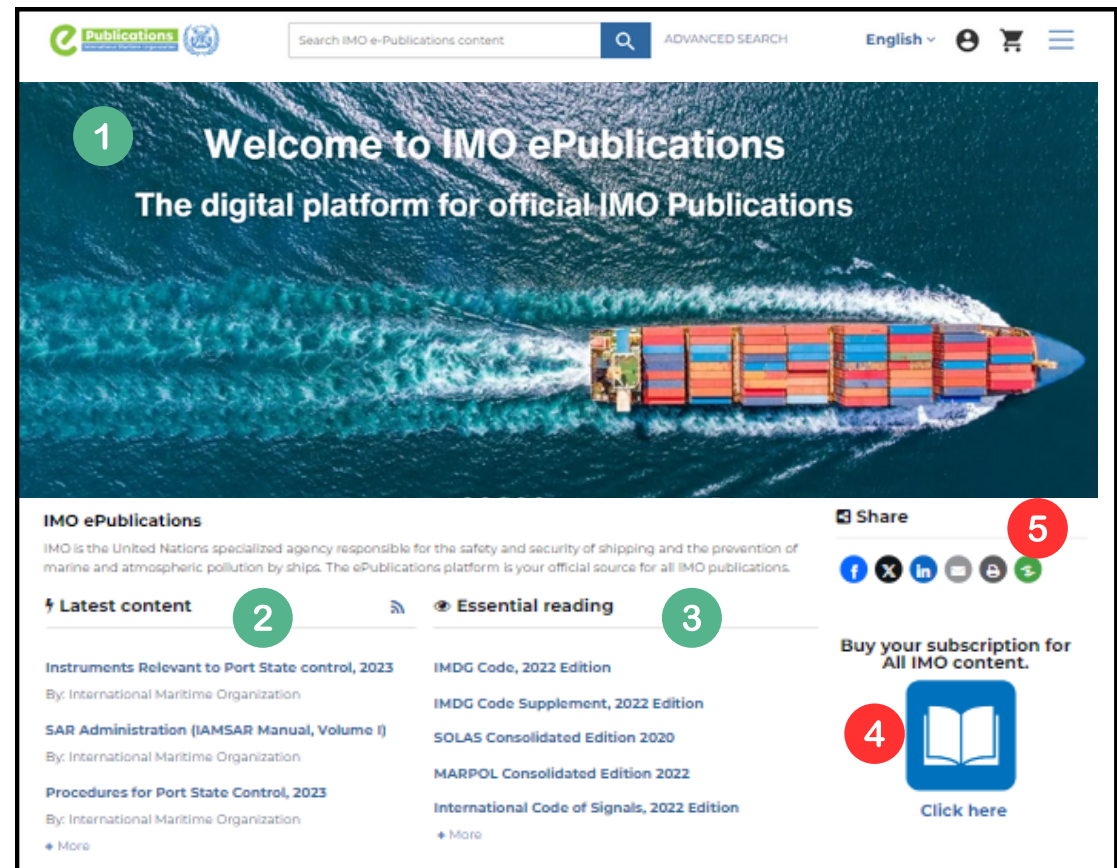
The new subscription will be available for distributors to purchase and assign to their customers. The purpose of this user manual is to assist distributors in purchasing subscriptions and assigning to their customers. The subscription includes more than 600 titles, grouped into topics, collections and book series and will be valid for one full year from date assigned.

The IMO Publishing Service publishes IMO's regulatory instruments, including Conventions, Codes, regulations, recommendations, guidelines, and other legal and technical documents for the maritime industry and other stakeholders.

# ePublications home page

The IMO ePublications home page is separated into several areas to help you browse the site.

- 1 **Slide show:** showcasing some of our new and featured titles.
- 2 **Latest content:** providing quick access to our latest publications.
- 3 **Essential reading:** providing quick access to our best selling titles.
- 4 **All IMO content:** click here to purchase a subscription.
- 5 **Share** on social media.



# ePublications home page

- 1 Collections:** publications grouped by collection type for ease of access.
- 2 Featured collection:** highlighting one of our collections.
- 3 Future titles:** New publications coming soon.
- 4 Footer:** contact us and essential information.

The screenshot shows the IMO ePublications home page layout. It features a 'Collections' section with four categories: Cargoes, Maritime Safety, Seafarers, and Search and rescue. A 'Featured collection' highlights 'marine environment protection'. Below is a 'Future Titles' section with three 'Coming Soon' cards for publications KTA132E, KTB135E, and KB820E, all scheduled for June 2024. A social media widget for @IMOHQ is also visible.

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# How to search ePublications

The search engine allows for easy-to-use and customized search options. The advanced search function allows you to specify specific data fields and date ranges that take you straight to the publication most relevant to your needs.

**1 Quick search:** do a quick search by entering your criteria into the search box at the top of the page and click the magnifying glass to continue.

**2 Advanced search:** For more advanced search options, click on ADVANCED SEARCH next to the search bar.

**3** You can search for a title in ePublications using several methods:

- From the main menu you can browse by Book series, Collections and Topics.
- Home page slide show for new and key titles
- Latest content includes all recently released publications
- Essential reading includes our best selling titles

The screenshot shows the IMO ePublications website. At the top, there is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon (callout 1) and an 'ADVANCED SEARCH' button (callout 2). To the right of the search bar is a language dropdown menu set to 'English' and a main menu icon (callout 3). The main content area features a large banner image of a cargo ship at sea with the text 'Welcome to IMO ePublications' and 'The digital platform for official IMO Publications'. Below the banner, there is a 'Share' section with social media icons. The main content is divided into two columns: 'Latest content' and 'Essential reading'. The 'Latest content' column lists 'Instruments Relevant to Port State control, 2023', 'SAR Administration (IAMSAR Manual, Volume I)', and 'Procedures for Port State Control, 2023'. The 'Essential reading' column lists 'IMDG Code, 2022 Edition', 'IMDG Code Supplement, 2022 Edition', 'SOLAS Consolidated Edition 2020', 'MARPOL Consolidated Edition 2022', and 'International Code of Signals, 2022 Edition'. At the bottom right, there is a call to action: 'Buy your subscription for All IMO content.' with a book icon and a 'Click here' link.

# How to use advanced search

Your search can be further filtered to find the publication you need by using the advanced search.

Enter one or more search terms into the option fields and use the AND/OR/NOT boolean commands to link the terms.

Narrow down the search by including criteria such as date, subject, language, content type and more.

Visit: [imo-epublications.org/search/advancedsearch](https://imo-epublications.org/search/advancedsearch)

Publications

Search IMO e-Publications content

English

Advanced Search

Advanced Search

Enter one or more search criteria below. Boolean AND, OR and NOT are supported (e.g. maritime AND safety). Use quotation marks (" ") to find an exact phrase (e.g. "dangerous goods"). Use asterisks to match partial words in fields (e.g. ship\*).

Enter Keywords/Phrases in All fields

AND in All fields

Exclude full text? Search

SEARCH BETWEEN THESE DATES: From to

SORT RESULTS BY: Relevance

FILTER BY SUBJECT: All topics, Air pollution, Ballast water, Basic documents

FILTER BY LANGUAGE: All languages

FILTER BY ACCESS TYPES: All access types, Free, Open Access

Search

IMO ePublications

IMO is the United Nations specialized marine and atmospheric pollution by

Latest content

Instruments Relevant to Port State

By: International Maritime Organizati

SAR Administration (IAMSAR Man

By: International Maritime Organizati

Procedures for Port State Control

By: International Maritime Organizati

More

# Search results page

- 1 Click the **Sort By** dropdown menu to sort results by relevance, newest, or oldest first.
- 2 Easily filter your search for precise results by topic, collection, date range, content type, and more.
- 3 To add content to your favorites list, click on **+ More** and then click the **Add to my favourites** icon\*.

The screenshot shows the IMO e-Publications search results page. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search IMO e-Publications content' and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar is a button labeled 'ADVANCED SEARCH'. Below the search bar, the breadcrumb 'Home / Search Results' is visible. The main heading reads 'RESULTS: 1 - 20 of 148 for (All Fields including Full Text contains 'Ballast water') AND (Content type contains "Book")'. Below this, there is a filter for 'Book' with a close icon. A blue button labeled 'Modify this search' is present. On the right side, a dropdown menu is open, showing 'Next action' and 'Sort By: Relevance'. A green circle with the number '1' is placed over this dropdown. On the left side, a 'Publication date' filter is open, showing 'Month' and 'Year' dropdowns for 'To' and 'From' dates, with an 'Apply' button. A green circle with the number '2' is placed over this filter. The main search result is for 'Ballast Water Management Convention and BWMS Code with Guidelines for Implementation', published in Nov 2018, by the International Maritime Organization. A 'Less' link is visible. At the bottom of the result card, there is a red box containing a heart icon and the text 'Add to my favourites', and an envelope icon with the text 'Email this'. A red circle with the number '3' is placed over this box.

\* You must log into your account to use this feature.



# Search results page

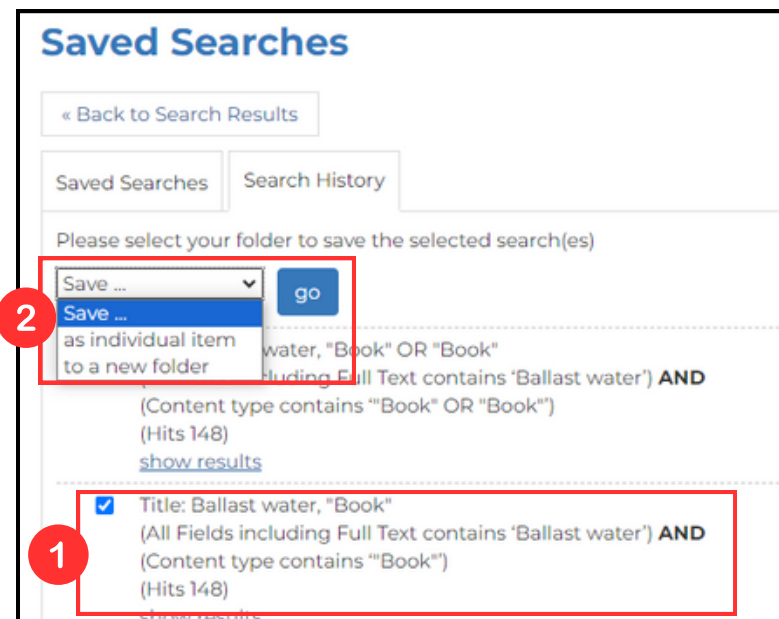
- 1 Modify your search to update criteria.
- 2 Use the **Next action** dropdown menu to save your searches, view search history and create search alerts. \*

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\* You must log into your account to use this feature.

# Saving searches and viewing search history

- 1 Tick the search you want to save.
- 2 Select where you want to save it.\*
- 3 Then go to **Saved Searches** to view\* and manage your saved searches.



\* You must log into your account to use this feature.

# Publication page

1 Click **Overview** to read the abstract.

2 See chapter details.

Use the options on the right side to:

3 Add to Basket, buy the IMO subscription

- **All IMO content** (purchase the annual subscription option that contains all IMO published content)

4 Use the Tools on the right side to:

- Add to my favourites\*
- Create book publication alert\*
- Export citation\*

The screenshot displays the IMO Publications website for the 'IMDG Code' (International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code). The page features a search bar at the top, navigation links, and a book cover. A red box highlights the 'Buy £2,300.00' and 'All IMO content' button (callout 3). A green box highlights the 'Overview' and 'Chapters (2)' tabs (callouts 1 and 2). A red box highlights the 'Tools' sidebar (callout 4), which includes options like 'Add to my favourites', 'Create Book Publication Alert', 'Manage Alerts', 'Export citation', 'View citation', 'Recommend to library', and 'Error Caching book'. The 'We Recommend' section at the bottom right suggests 'Dangerous, Hazardous and Harmful Cargoes'.

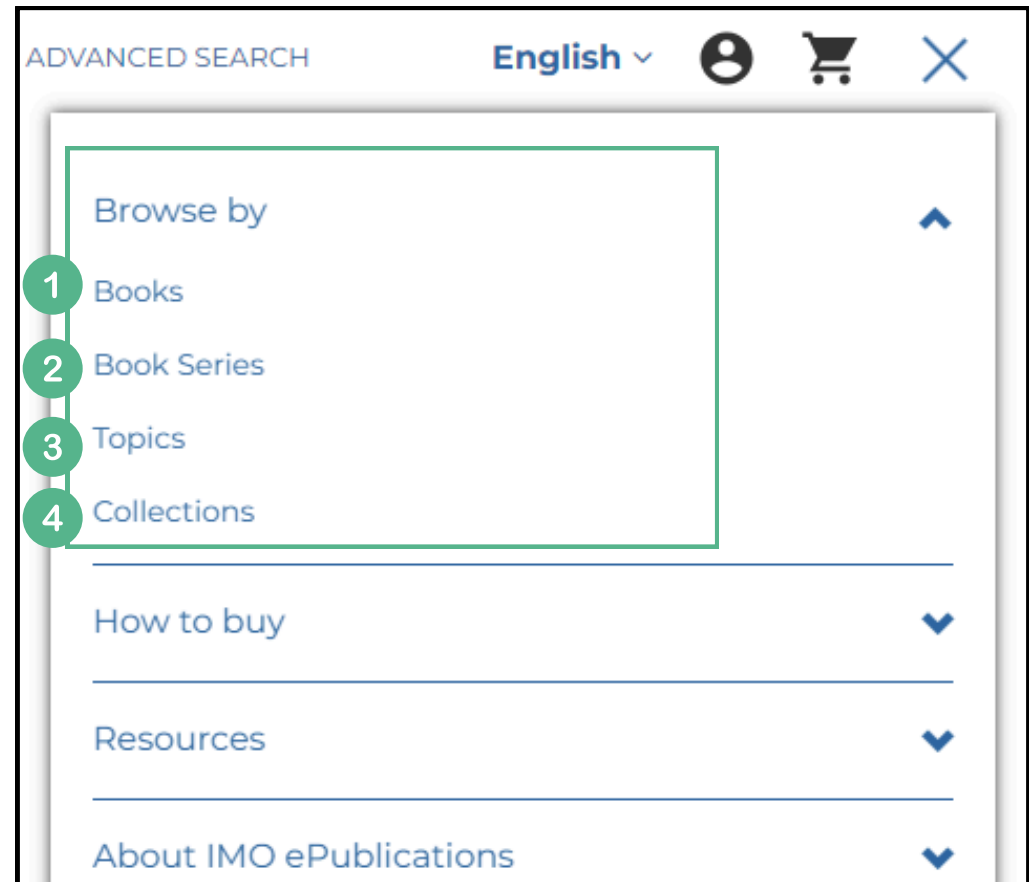
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# Browsing for IMO content

The IMO ePublication platform is divided into several areas to search for publications.


☰ Navigate to the dropdown main menu in the top right-hand corner.

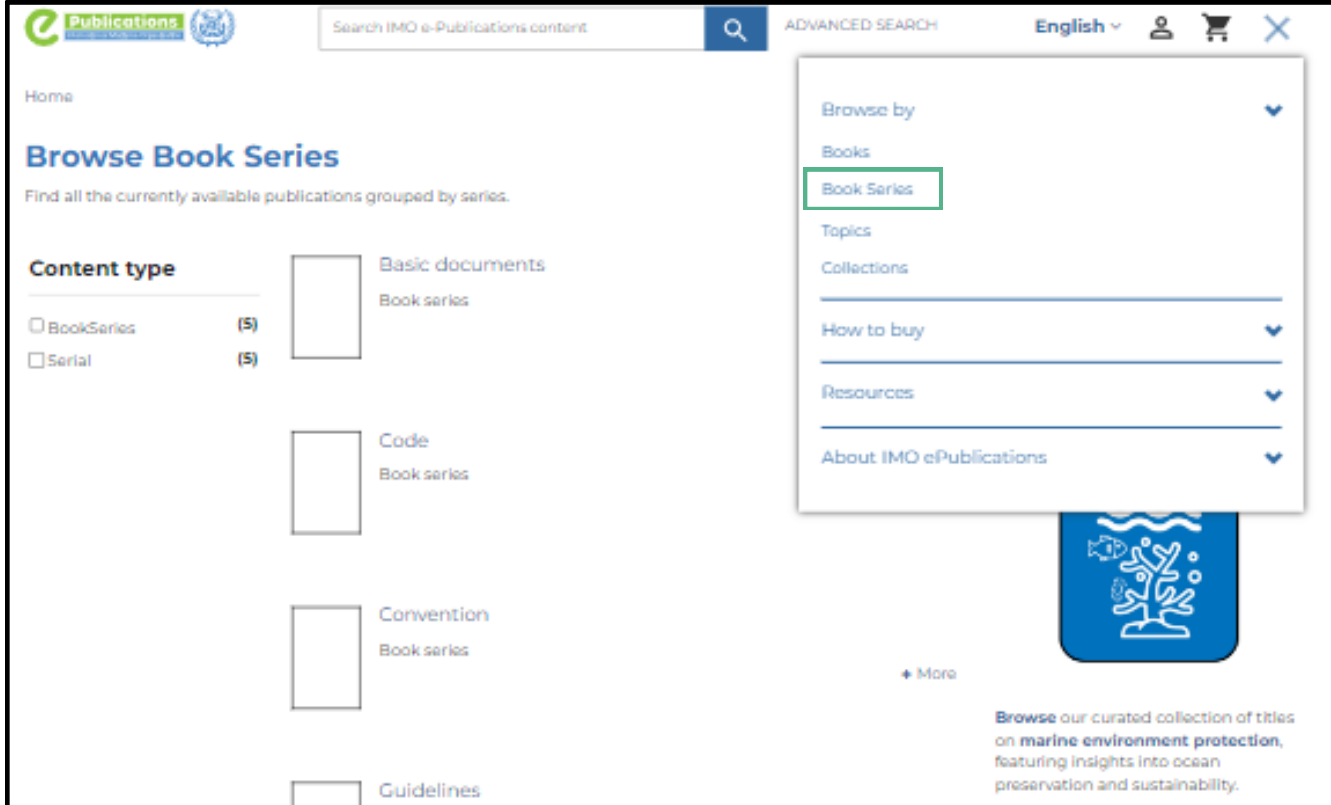
- 1 **Books:** view all published IMO titles. Can be sorted by topic, date, language, etc.
- 2 **Book Series:** view titles in a series such as Code, Conventions and Model Courses.
- 3 **Topics:** go directly to the topic of the publication you are looking for; i.e. London Convention and Protocol.
- 4 **Collections:** grouped based on content and topic; i.e. Seafarers.



# Book series

All of our publications have been grouped into the following book series for ease of reference:

 [imo-e-publications.org/content/series](https://imo-e-publications.org/content/series)



The screenshot displays the IMO e-Publications website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search IMO e-Publications content" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar, there are links for "ADVANCED SEARCH", "English", a user profile icon, a shopping cart icon, and a close icon. Below the search bar, the page title "Browse Book Series" is prominently displayed, followed by the subtitle "Find all the currently available publications grouped by series." On the left side, there is a "Content type" section with two checkboxes: "BookSeries (5)" and "Serial (5)". The main content area lists several book series categories, each with a placeholder box and a label: "Basic documents Book series", "Code Book series", "Convention Book series", and "Guidelines". On the right side, a dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Browse by", "Books", "Book Series" (highlighted with a green box), "Topics", "Collections", "How to buy", "Resources", and "About IMO ePublications". Below the dropdown menu, there is a blue button with a white icon of a tree and fish, and a "+ More" link. At the bottom right, there is a promotional text: "Browse our curated collection of titles on marine environment protection, featuring insights into ocean preservation and sustainability."

# Topics

IMO publications cover a broad range of subjects. For ease of reference, we have grouped our publications into an extensive list of topic categories that can be found on the ePublications Topics page.



[imo-epublications.org/content/topics](https://imo-epublications.org/content/topics)

- Air pollution
- Ballast water
- Basic documents
- Biofouling
- Bulk carriers
- Cargoes
- Casualty
- Chemical carriers
- Chemical pollution
- Collisions
- Communications
- Containers
- Dangerous goods
- Diving
- Dredged material
- Facilitation of travel and transport
- Fire safety
- Fishing vessels
- GMDSS
- Gas carriers
- Gas-fuelled ships
- Grains
- Health
- High-speed crafts
- Legal matters
- Liability and compensation
- Life-saving appliances
- London Convention and Protocol
- MARPOL
- Management
- Marine environment protection
- Maritime claims
- Maritime safety
- Mobile offshore drilling units
- Navigation and communications
- Navigation
- Noise
- Nuclear substances
- Offshore supply vessels
- Oil pollution
- Oil tankers
- Particularly sensitive sea areas
- Passenger ships
- Polar waters
- Ports
- Salvage
- Seafarers
- Search and rescue
- Security
- Ship design and construction
- Ship recycling
- Ship systems and equipment
- Surveys
- Survival
- Timber Waste pollution
- Wrecks

# Collections

IMO publications are also grouped by Collection, based on topic and content. Explore our collections on Maritime Safety, Marine Environment Protection, Maritime Security & Anti-Piracy, and more.

Each category offers a wealth of resources tailored to industry professionals. Select a collection to discover the latest insights and developments in maritime regulations and practices.



[imo-epublications.org/content/collections](https://imo-epublications.org/content/collections)



Basic documents

+ More



Cargoes



Facilitation of travel and transport



Legal matters



Marine environment protection



Maritime safety



Navigation and communications



Ports



Seafarers



Search and rescue



Ship design and construction

# Free content

To allow you and your customers to trial ePublications, the Basic Documents book series has now been included as all free content. This will allow users to open a publication and try the features before making a purchase.



imo-epublications.org/content/series/basic-documents

- 1 Go to the Basic documents book series.
- 2 All Basic Documents titles listed as free content.
- 3 Click the **+ More** button to select the publication to open and read.

The screenshot shows the IMO ePublications website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search IMO e-Publications content" and a magnifying glass icon, followed by a link to "ADVANCED SEARCH". Below the search bar, the breadcrumb navigation reads "Home / Book Series / Basic documents". The main heading is "Basic documents", which is highlighted with a green box and a circled "1". Below the heading, there is a descriptive paragraph about the series. To the left, there is a "Publication date" filter section with dropdown menus for "Month" and "Year", and an "Apply" button. Below that is a "Topic" filter section with a dropdown menu. On the right, a list of publications is shown. The first publication, "Documentos básicos: Volumen I", is highlighted with a green box and a circled "2". It shows the date "Dec 2023", the type "Book", and the publisher "Organización Marítima Internacional". Below the publication list, there is a "Read" button highlighted with a green box and a circled "3". To the right of the "Read" button are links for "Add to my favourites" and "Email this". At the bottom left, there is a checkbox for "Basic documents" with a count of "(21)".



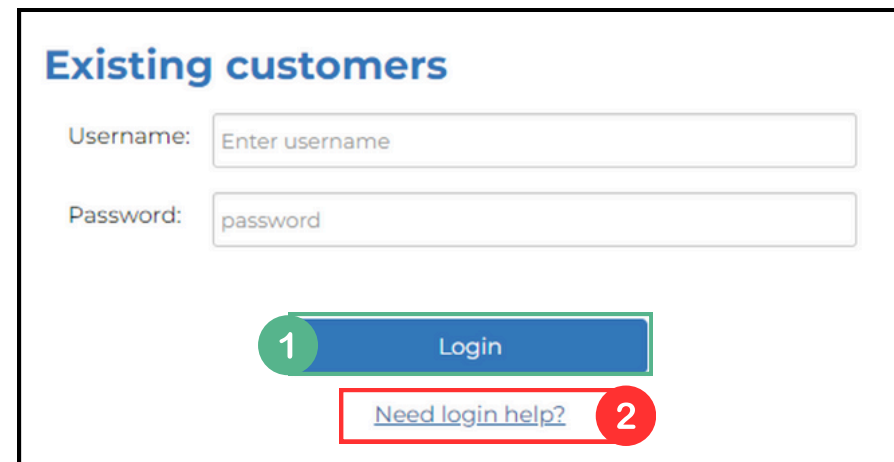
# How to access your distributor account

An activation email will be sent to your registered email address. Please click the link in the email to activate your account and set your username and password.

Once your account has been activated, click on the profile icon in the top right-hand corner to log in to your account.



- 1 Enter your distributor login information.
- 2 If you have forgotten your password, please click the **Need login help?** below the button.
- 3 Complete to request a new username or password.

A screenshot of a login form titled "Existing customers". It features two input fields: "Username:" with the placeholder text "Enter username" and "Password:" with the placeholder text "password". Below the fields is a blue "Login" button with a green circle containing the number "1" next to it. Underneath the button is a red-bordered box containing the text "Need login help?" with a red circle containing the number "2" next to it.

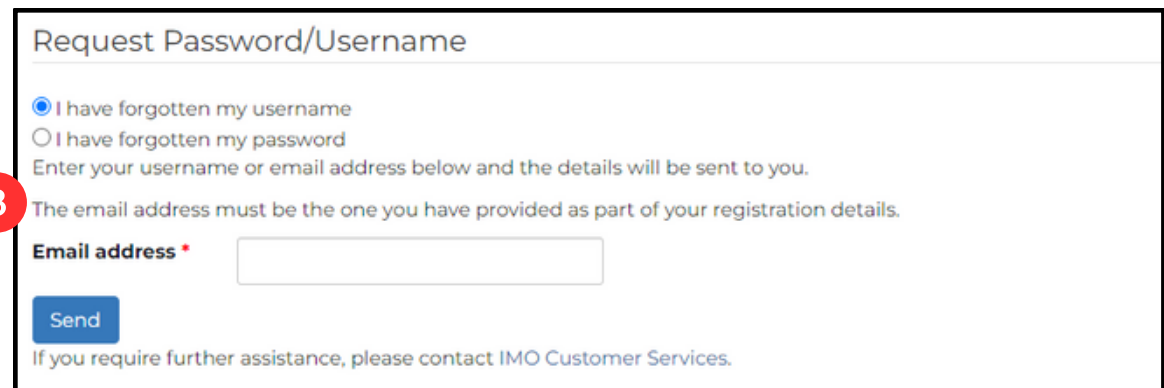
Existing customers

Username:

Password:

1 Login

2 [Need login help?](#)

A screenshot of a form titled "Request Password/Username". It has two radio button options: "I have forgotten my username" (which is selected) and "I have forgotten my password". Below these is the instruction "Enter your username or email address below and the details will be sent to you." A red circle with the number "3" is next to the text "The email address must be the one you have provided as part of your registration details." Below this is an "Email address \*" input field and a blue "Send" button. At the bottom, it says "If you require further assistance, please contact IMO Customer Services."

Request Password/Username

I have forgotten my username

I have forgotten my password

Enter your username or email address below and the details will be sent to you.

3 The email address must be the one you have provided as part of your registration details.

Email address \*

Send

If you require further assistance, please contact IMO Customer Services.

# How to purchase an IMO subscription

To purchase the annual subscription option containing all IMO content, use the button found on the home page.

1 Click on the **All IMO content** button.

**Publications** Search IMO e-Publications content ADVANCED SEARCH English

## Welcome to IMO ePublications

The digital platform for official IMO Publications

**IMO ePublications**  
IMO is the United Nations specialized agency responsible for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships. The ePublications platform is your official source for all IMO publications.

**Share**

**Latest content**

- Instruments Relevant to Port State control, 2023**  
By: International Maritime Organization
- SAR Administration (IAMSAR Manual, Volume I)**  
By: International Maritime Organization
- Procedures for Port State Control, 2023**  
By: International Maritime Organization
- More

**Essential reading**

- IMDG Code, 2022 Edition
- IMDG Code Supplement, 2022 Edition
- SOLAS Consolidated Edition 2020
- MARPOL Consolidated Edition 2022
- International Code of Signals, 2022 Edition
- More

**Buy your subscription for All IMO content.**

**Click here**

# How to purchase an IMO subscription

With the subscription in your shopping basket, you have the option to:

- 1 Change the subscription quantity.
- 2 Create a quotation. This is for reference only and cannot be used towards payment.
- 3 Pay by credit card and complete the checkout process.

Publications

Search IMO e-Publications content

ADVANCED SEARCH English

Home / Shopping Cart

## Shopping Cart

Continue browsing

### Shopping Cart

Product	Quantity	Sub Total
All IMO content (premium subscription) Type: e-reader [duration: 365 day(s)] Price: <del>£2,300.00</del> £1,610.00	1	£1,610.00
Discounts		£890.00
Order total		£1,610.00

### Offer code

If you have an offer code, enter it here:

### Payment method

(payment can only be made by credit card via the platform)

Create quotation (For reference purposes only - not payment)

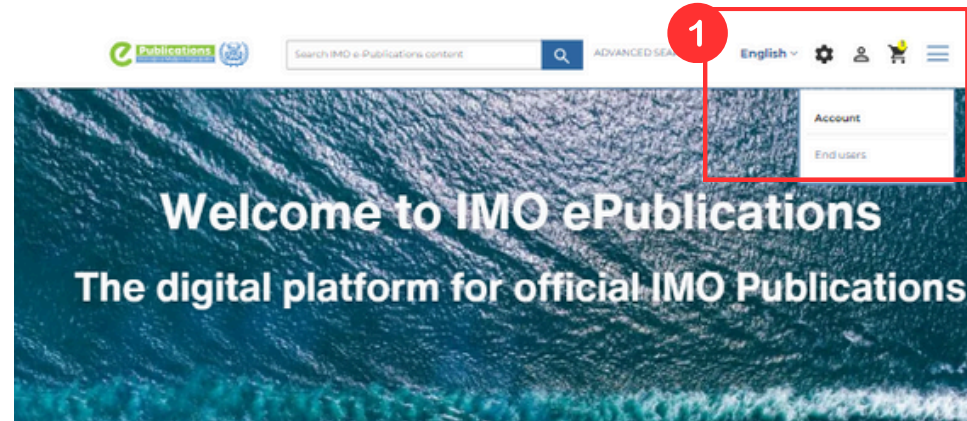
Pay by credit card (American Express, Mastercard, Visa)

**E-readers Content:** The content you are purchasing will only be accessible via our platform's eReader tool.

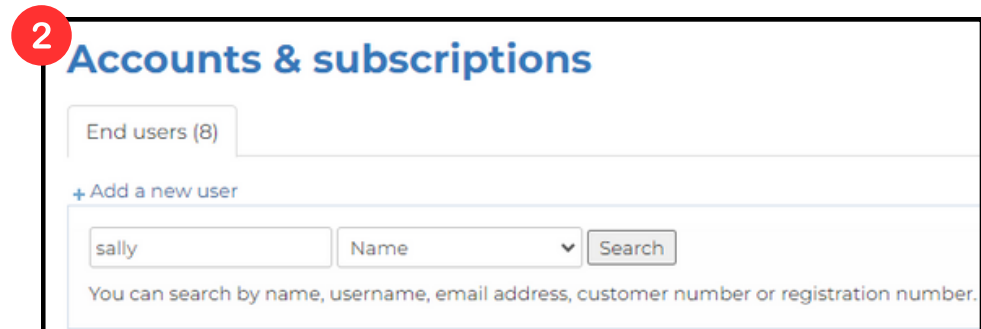
**Subscriptions** will be available immediately after purchase for the duration of the subscription period.

# How to allocate subscriptions

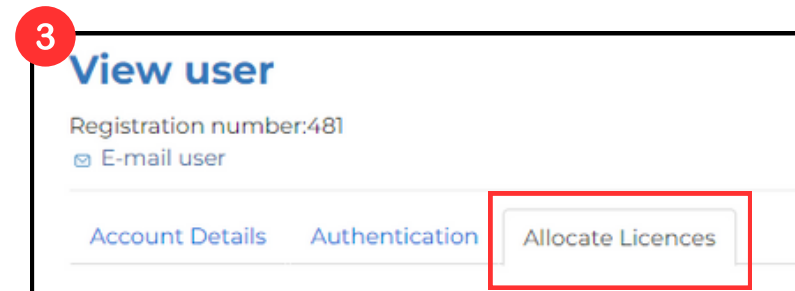
- 1 To assign to your customer, go to the cog wheel in the top corner and select **End users**.



- 2 In Accounts & subscriptions, enter your customer's name in the search and select your customer.



- 3 View user and go to the Allocate Licences tab.



\* Your regular customers are already linked to your account.

# How to allocate subscriptions

1 Select the subscription to allocate.

2 The system confirms that you are allocating to this customer.

**\* Make certain you are allocating to the correct customer as this cannot be undone.**


3 Click **Yes** to allocate.

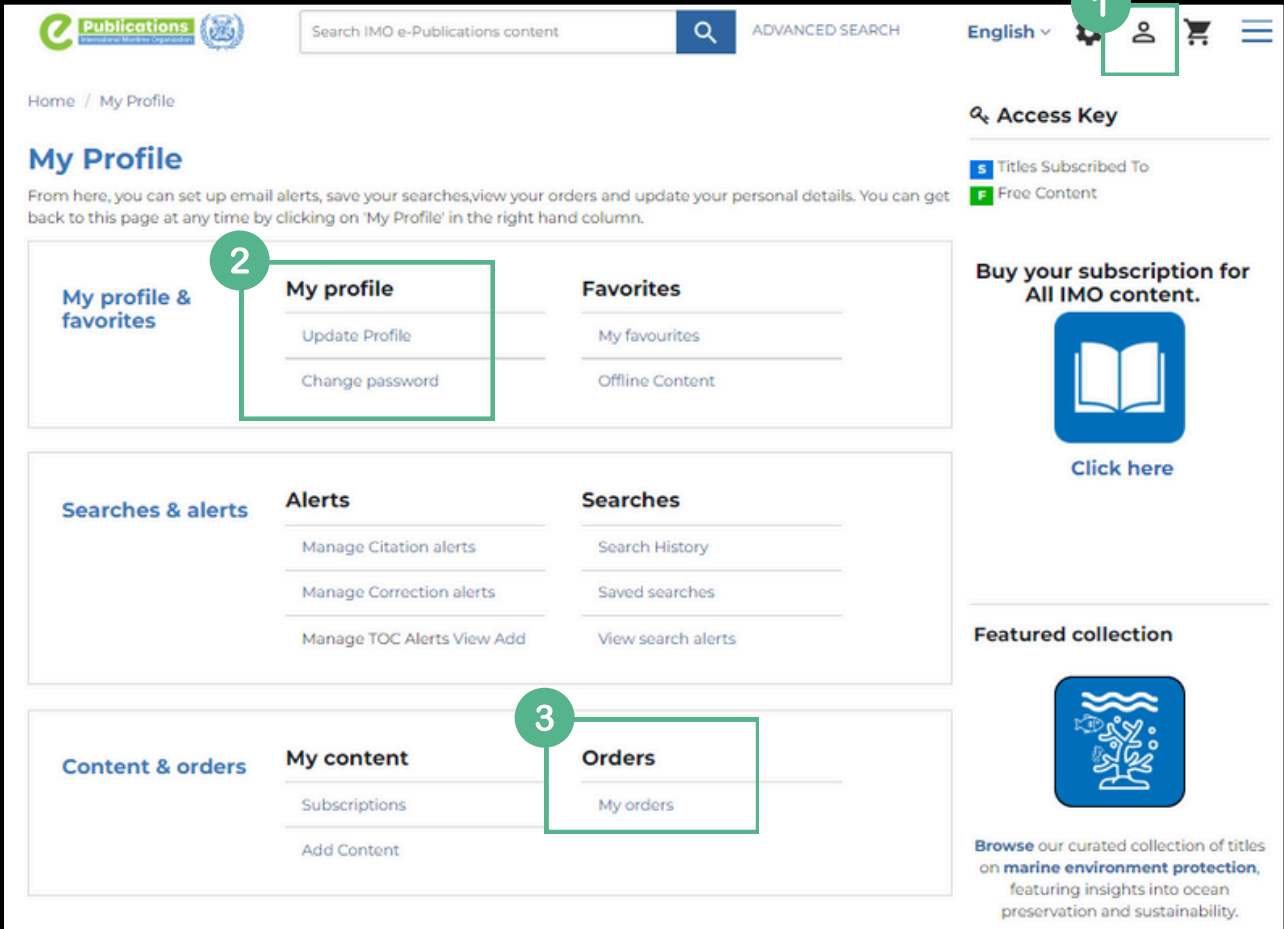
The screenshot shows the IMO Publications website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu. The main content area is titled 'View user' and displays user details: 'Registration number:481' and 'E-mail user'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Account Details', 'Authentication', and 'Allocate Licences'. The 'Allocate Licences' tab is active, showing a table with columns: 'Product name', 'Start date', 'End date', 'Initial Balance', 'Remaining Balance', and 'Delete'. The table contains four rows of 'All IMO content' with varying initial and remaining balances. A modal dialog titled 'Allocate Licence' is open, asking 'Are you sure you wish to allocate All IMO content to user 481? Allocations cannot be undone.' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. Red circles and boxes highlight the 'Allocate' button in the table (1), the modal dialog (2), and the 'Yes' button in the modal (3).

Product name	Start date	End date	Initial Balance	Remaining Balance	Delete
All IMO content			18	18	Allocate
All IMO content			20	20	Allocate
All IMO content			15	15	Allocated
All IMO content			18	18	Allocated

\* Subscriptions must be allocated one at a time.

# Features of My Profile

- 1 Click on the My Profile link in top right-hand corner. 
- 2 In My Profile you can update your profile information and change password.
- 3 In Orders you can see details of all past orders.



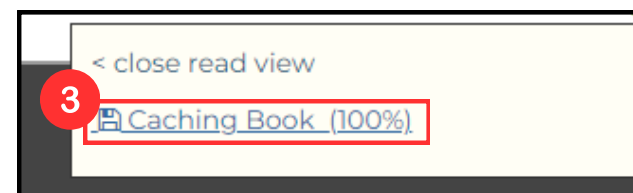
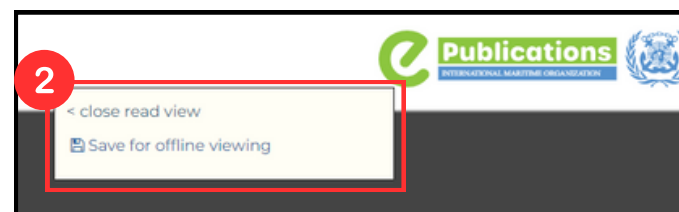
The screenshot shows the 'My Profile' page on the IMO e-Publications website. The page is divided into several sections:

- Top Navigation:** Includes the IMO logo, a search bar for 'IMO e-Publications content', and a user profile icon (callout 1).
- My Profile Section:** Contains a 'My profile & favorites' sidebar and a main area with 'My profile' (containing 'Update Profile' and 'Change password' links, callout 2) and 'Favorites' (containing 'My favourites' and 'Offline Content' links).
- Searches & alerts Section:** Contains 'Alerts' (with 'Manage Citation alerts', 'Manage Correction alerts', and 'Manage TOC Alerts View Add' links) and 'Searches' (with 'Search History', 'Saved searches', and 'View search alerts' links).
- Content & orders Section:** Contains 'My content' (with 'Subscriptions' and 'Add Content' links) and 'Orders' (with 'My orders' link, callout 3).
- Right-hand Column:** Features an 'Access Key' section with 'Titles Subscribed To' and 'Free Content' options, a 'Buy your subscription for All IMO content.' advertisement with a 'Click here' button, and a 'Featured collection' for 'marine environment protection'.

# Offline reader

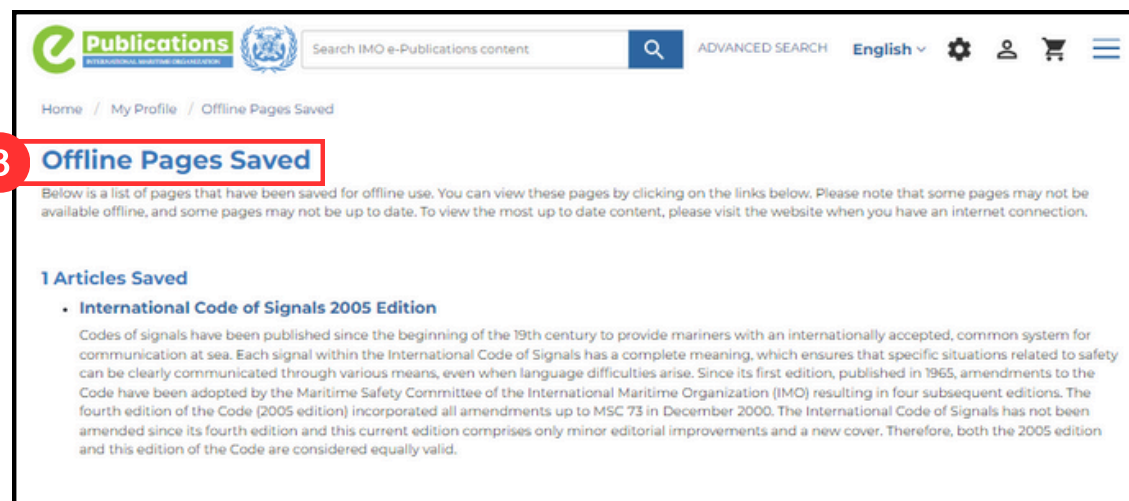
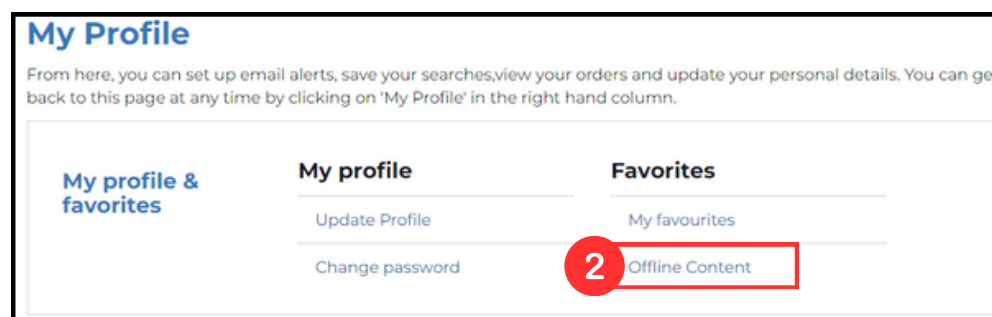
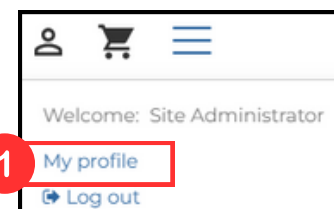
All purchased publications will be available offline during periods when internet access is limited. However, each publication first needs to be saved to your browser cache. Follow the steps below to save publications for offline access.

- 1 Go to the publication to be saved for offline access and click the **Read** button
- 2 When the popup appears, click on **Save for offline viewing**.
- 3 The publication is being saved to your browser cache and displays save progress.



# Offline reader

- 1 To view publications saved for offline access, go to **My Profile** from the top menu.
- 2 Click on **Offline Content** in the Favorites area.
- 3 All your saved publications will display on the list.





# IMO Certificate integration

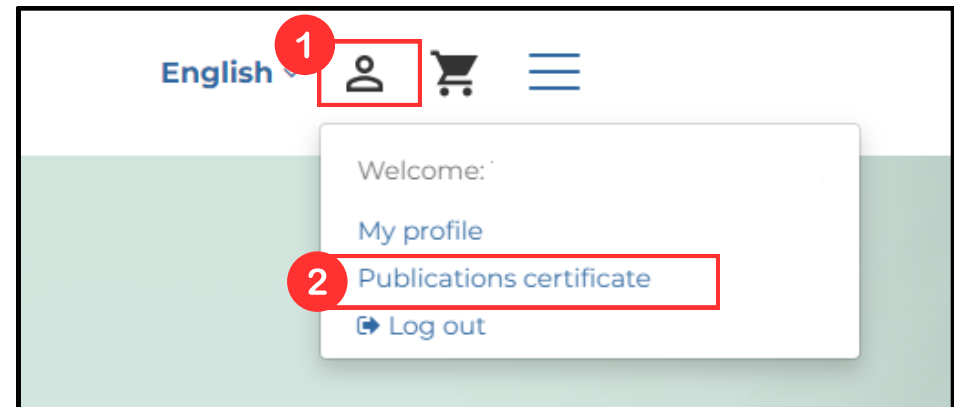
ePublications also includes IMO Certificate integration. Your customer's certificate will include full details of all their purchased titles and will be available to view when offline to assist with their vessel inspections.

See the steps below to ensure all your details are correctly included on their certificate.

When completing your customer's profile, complete all vessel details, **including IMO vessel number**.

- 1 Your customer can view their certificate by going to their profile.
- 2 Choose Publications certificate from the drop down menu.

**Note:** make certain to save this for offline viewing as well if needed.



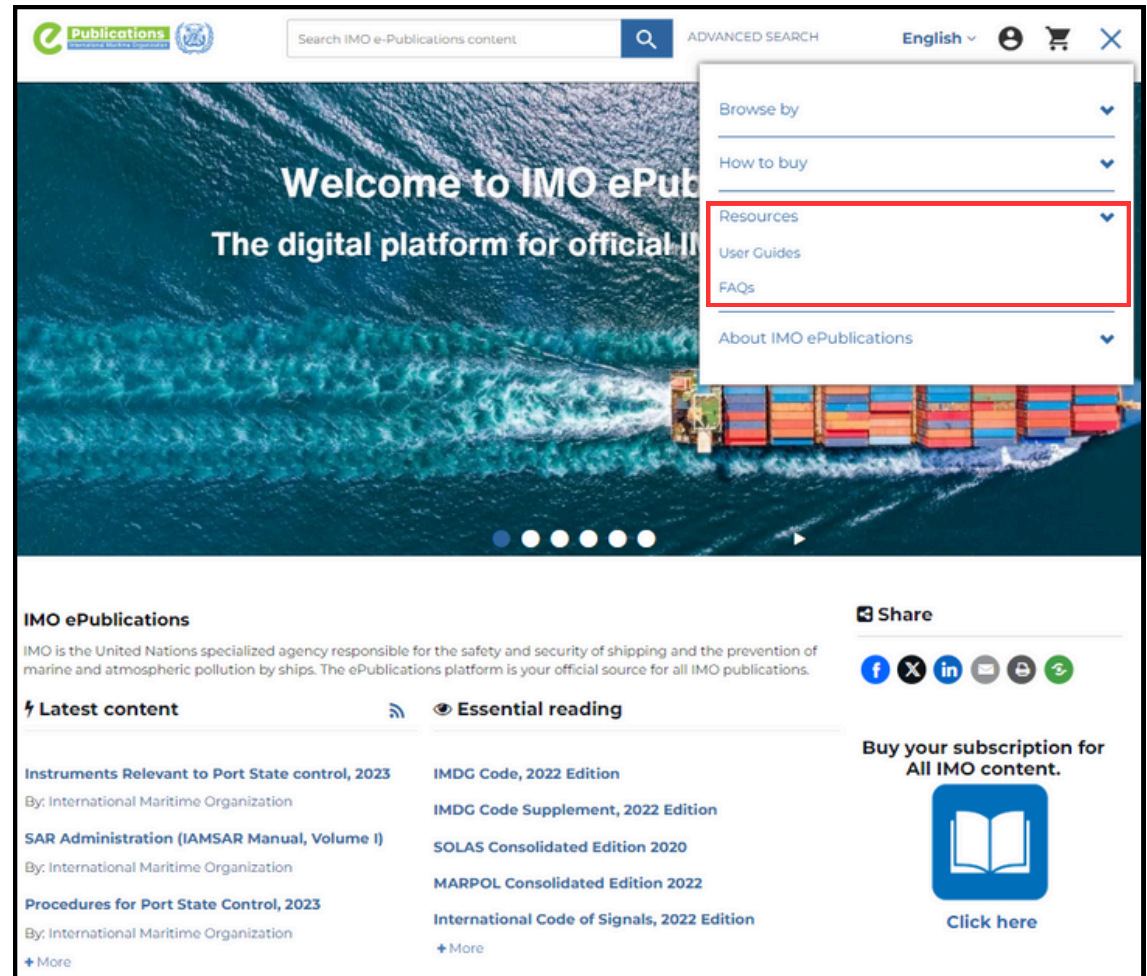
\* The IMO vessel number must be included in your customer's profile to validate their certificate.

# User resources

To help answer any questions you may have, please see the additional documentation provided in the Resources area.

**User Guides:** provides quick access to the user manual.

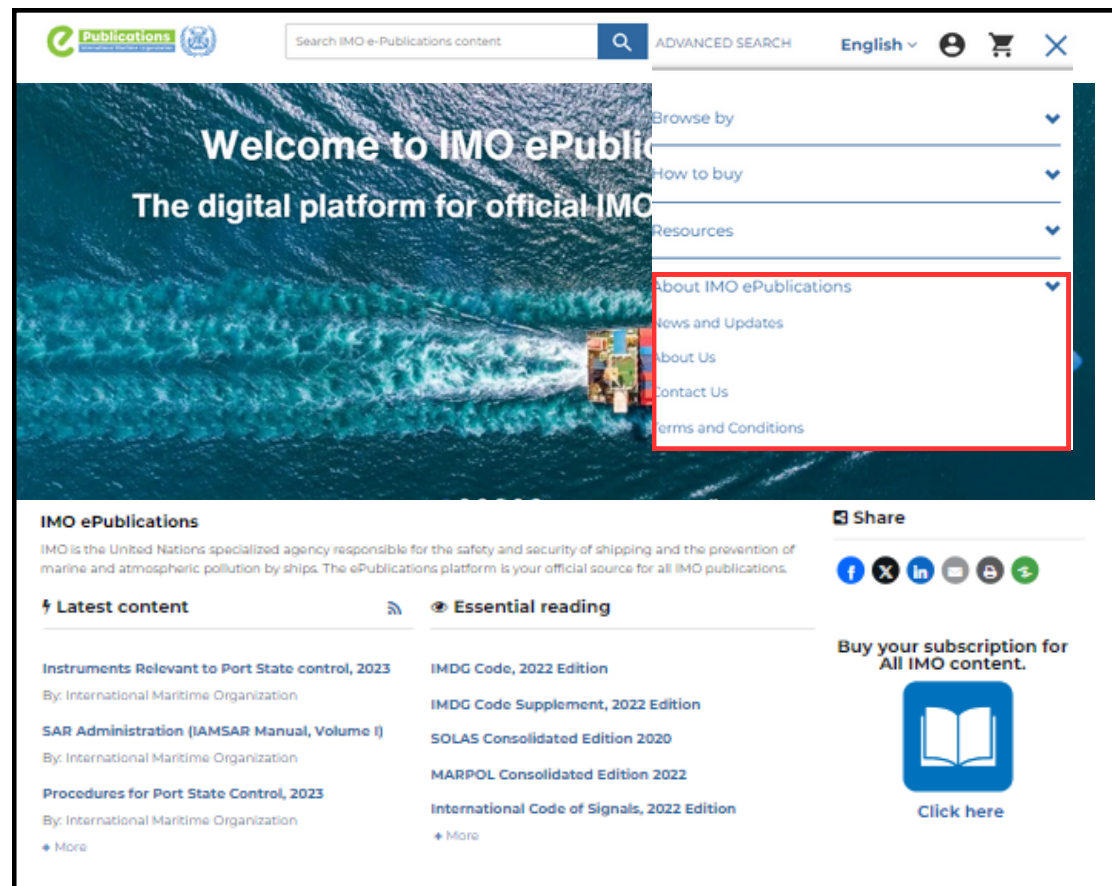
**FAQs:** provides answers and support for the most common questions.



# How to sign up for our newsletter

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