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# Introduction

The International Maritime Organizations' ePublications is the innovative new digital platform from IMO Publishing that enables users to purchase and access all IMO published content in one place.

The purpose of this user manual is to assist users in accessing the published content from IMO Publishing and will enable registered users to access a full range of features and add titles to their shopping basket for purchase. IMO ePublications contains more than 600 titles, grouped into topics, collections and book series.

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.

The screenshot shows the IMO ePublications website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the IMO logo, a search bar, and language options. The main banner features a large image of a cargo ship at sea, with a green circle containing the number '1' and the text 'Welcome to IMO ePublications' and 'The digital platform for official IMO Publications'. Below the banner, there are two columns of featured content. The left column is titled 'Latest content' with a green circle containing the number '2', and the right column is titled 'Essential reading' with a green circle containing the number '3'. Both columns list various IMO publications with 'By: International Maritime Organization' and a 'More' link. On the right side, there is a 'Share' button with a red circle containing the number '5' and social media icons. Below that, there is a 'Buy your subscription for All IMO content.' section with a blue book icon and a red circle containing the number '4' and a 'Click here' link.

# 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' items (KTA132E, KTB135E, KB820E) scheduled for June 2024. A social media widget shows a post from @IMO HQ. The footer contains copyright information and navigation links.

**Collections** 1

Select a collection to browse the latest books on maritime regulations, practices and more.

- Cargoes
- Maritime Safety
- Seafarers
- Search and rescue

For a complete list of collections, [click here](#).

**Future Titles**

- 3 Coming Soon  
KTA132E  
June 2024
- Coming Soon  
KTB135E  
June 2024
- Coming Soon  
KB820E  
June 2024

**Featured collection** 2

Browse our curated collection of titles on **marine environment protection**, featuring insights into ocean preservation and sustainability.

**Posts from @IMO HQ**

International Maritime Organization  
@IMO HQ · Jun 3

Watch now, @IMOSecGen new video message for the upcoming #DayoftheSeafarer on seafarers' contribution to making the maritime sector a safer workplace. #SafetyTipsAtSea

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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'. On the right side, there is a 'Buy your subscription for All IMO content.' section 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)

# 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 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 the text "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 callout box labeled "2" highlights the "Publication date" filter, which includes "Month" and "Year" dropdowns for both "From" and "To" dates, and an "Apply" button. Below the filter, there is a "Topic" filter. A callout box labeled "1" points to the "Sort By: Relevance" dropdown. A callout box labeled "3" highlights the "Add to my favourites" and "Email this" buttons. The main search result is for "Ballast Water Management Convention and BWMS Code with Guidelines for Implementation" by the International Maritime Organization, dated Nov 2018. The result includes a book cover image and a brief description: "The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast water and Sediments 2004 (BWM Convention) is concerned with preventing minimizing and ultimately eliminating the risks to the environment hum [Read More](#)".

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



# Search results page

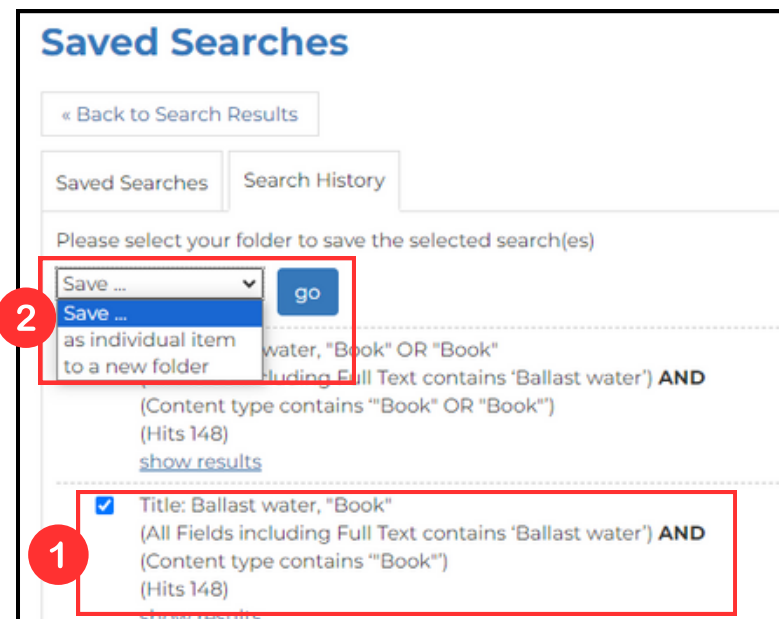
- 1 Modify your search to update criteria.
- 2 Use the Next action dropdown menu to save your searches, view search history and create search alerts. \*

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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

- **Add to basket** (purchase the publication)
- **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\*

Publications

Search IMO e-Publications content

ADVANCED SEARCH

English

Home / Books / Code / IMDG Code

## IMDG Code

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code

Buy:€175.00 [Add to Basket](#)

Buy:€2,300.00 [All IMO content](#)

1 Overview

2 Chapters [2]

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To access the content of the book, click on the "Chapters" tab and select the volume you would like to read.

The International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) lays out the regulatory framework for all aspects of handling dangerous goods and marine pollutants in sea transport.

The IMDG Code is divided into two volumes: Volume 1 containing sections on general provisions, definitions and training; classification; packing and tank provisions; consignment procedures; construction and testing of packagings, IBCs, large packagings, portable tanks, MEGCs and road tank vehicles and transport operations, and Volume 2 containing the Dangerous Goods List, special provisions and exceptions, Appendix A (list of generic and N.O.S. proper shipping names), Appendix B (glossary of terms) and the Index.

**Revised Recommendations on the Safe Transport of Dangerous Cargoes and Related Activities in Port Areas**

By: International Maritime Organization

**СОЛАС**

By: Международная морская организация

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# Browsing for IMO content

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

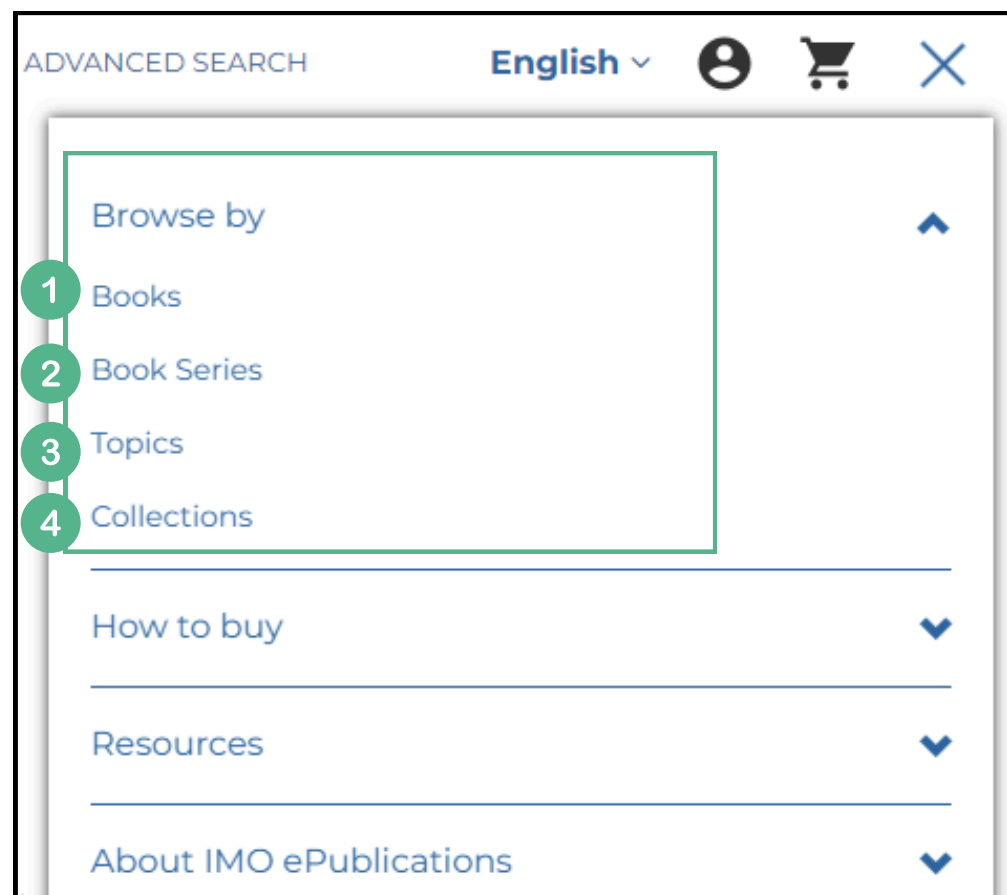
☰ Navigate to the dropdown main menu in the top right-hand corner.

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

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# 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

# How to register for an account

Registering for an ePublications account allows you to use features such as setting and managing alerts and adding titles to a personal favourites list.

Click on the profile icon in the top right-hand corner to log in or sign up for an account.



1 Enter your details to login as an existing user.

2 Or if you wish to create an account, click the register button.

3 Enter your details to create an account.

When registering for a new account, fields marked with an \* are mandatory and must be completed.

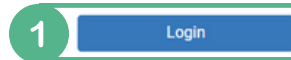
**Note:** if applicable, include the vessel's IMO number here to validate the Certificate.

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

## Existing customers

Username:

Password:



## New users

- Register for an account to receive content alerts
- Manage your address information and view your order history



Please fill out all required fields marked with a red star \*

### Registration Details

Name \*

Email address \*

Country \*

Organisation name

Street address

City/Town

County/State/Region

Postal code

### Login Details

Your user name and password must have a **minimum of 5 characters**.

Username \*

Password \*

Please use a combination of letters, numbers and special characters


I agree to the terms of use \*

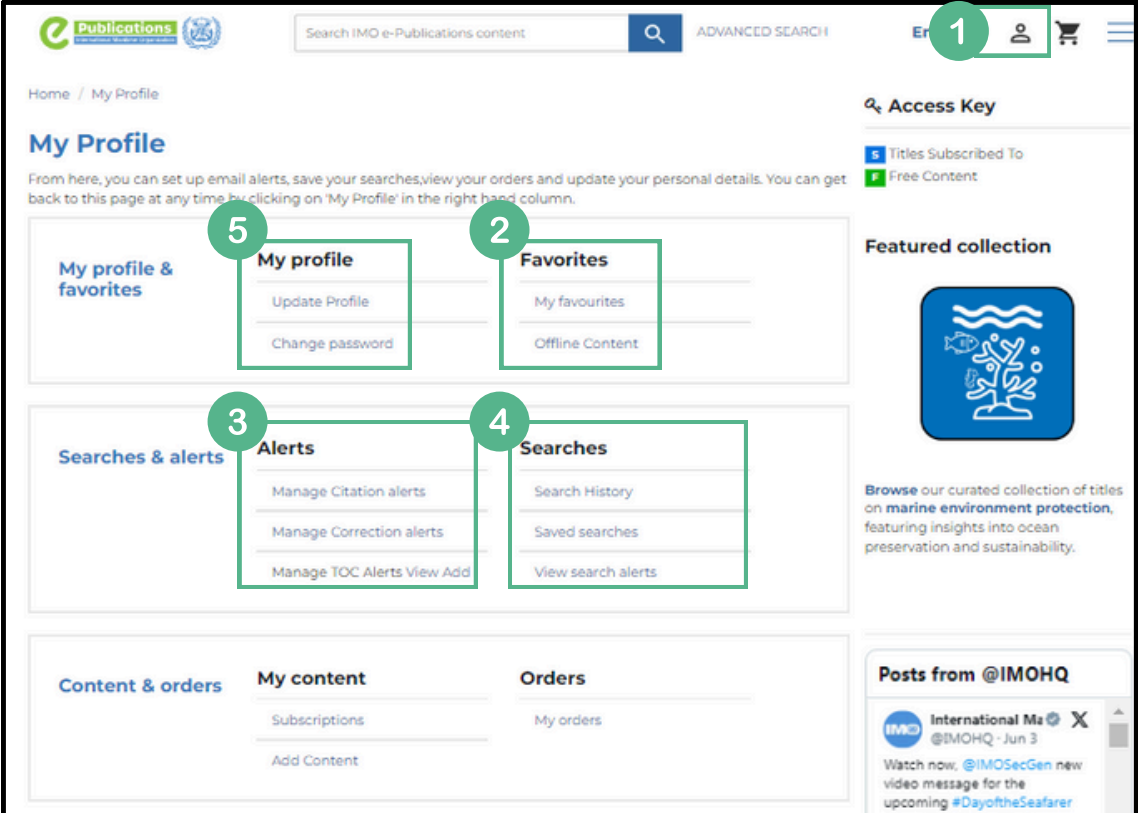
I am not a robot \*





# Features of a user account

- 1 Click on the profile icon in the top right-hand corner and select **My profile**. 
- 2 Click on **My Favourites** to go to those you've saved.
- 3 Manage alerts.
- 4 View search history and saved searches.
- 5 Update profile and change password.



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

- My profile & favorites:** Contains 'My profile' (with sub-links: Update Profile, Change password) and 'Favorites' (with sub-links: My favourites, Offline Content).
- Searches & alerts:** Contains 'Alerts' (with sub-links: Manage Citation alerts, Manage Correction alerts, Manage TOC Alerts View Add) and 'Searches' (with sub-links: Search History, Saved searches, View search alerts).
- Content & orders:** Contains 'My content' (with sub-links: Subscriptions, Add Content) and 'Orders' (with sub-link: My orders).

Numbered callouts on the screenshot indicate the following actions:

- 1: Click on the profile icon in the top right-hand corner.
- 2: Click on 'My Favourites'.
- 3: Manage alerts.
- 4: View search history and saved searches.
- 5: Update profile and change password.



# Free content

To allow users 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-e-publications.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.

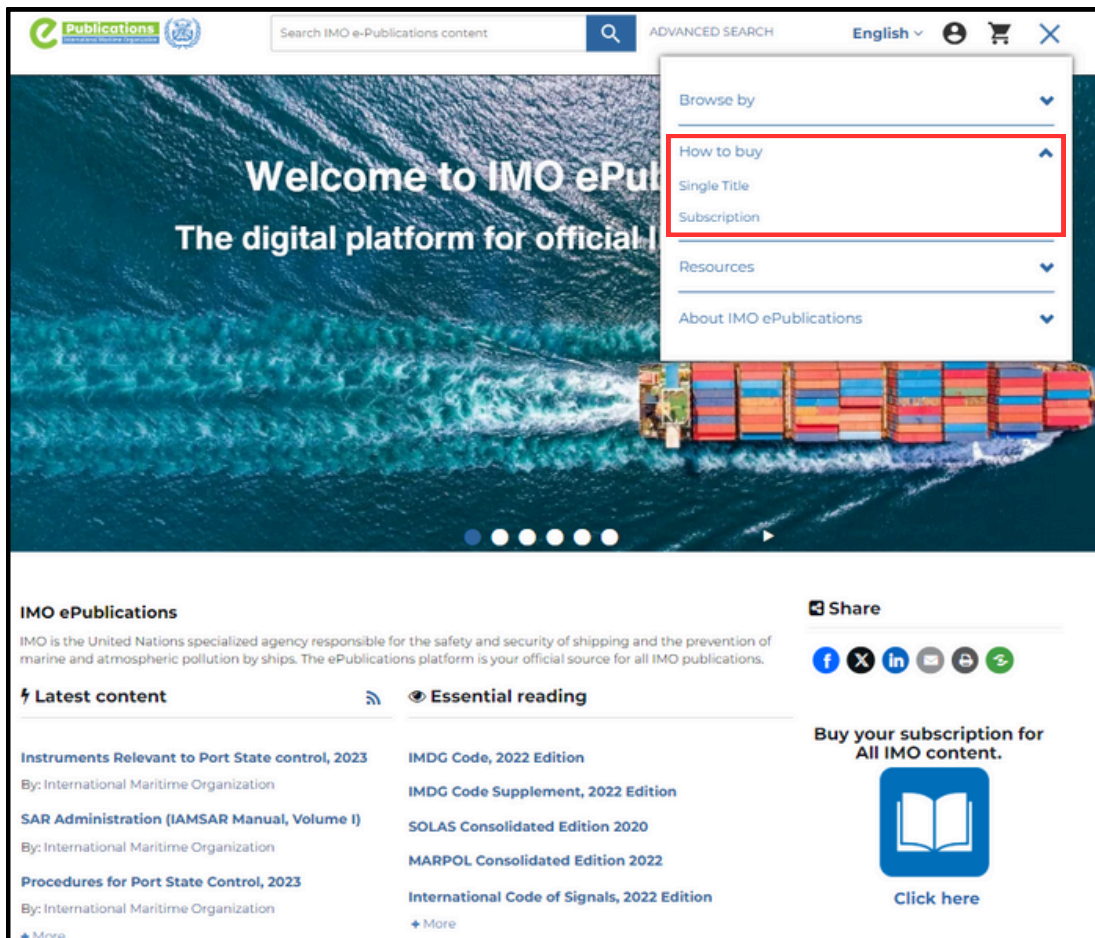
The screenshot shows the IMO e-Publications website. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu. The main heading is 'Basic documents'. Below this, there is a description of the series. A filter section allows users to select a publication date and topic. A list of publications is displayed, with one publication, 'Documentos básicos: Volumen I', highlighted. The 'Read' button for this publication is also highlighted.

# How to purchase IMO content

After registering for an account, you can purchase individual publications or the annual IMO subscription option, which contains all published content from IMO. More information can be found on the **How to buy** area in the main menu.

**Single title:** includes more information on purchasing a single publication.

**Subscription:** includes more information on the annual IMO subscription option and steps in purchasing a subscription.

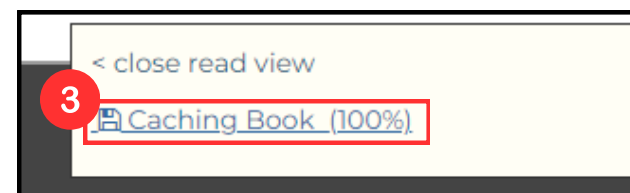
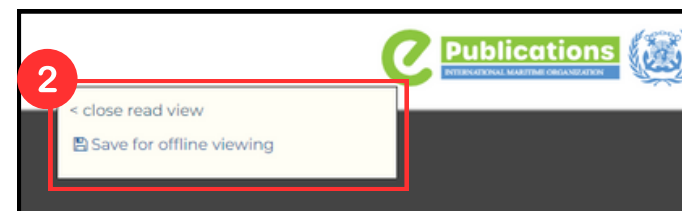


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# Offline reader

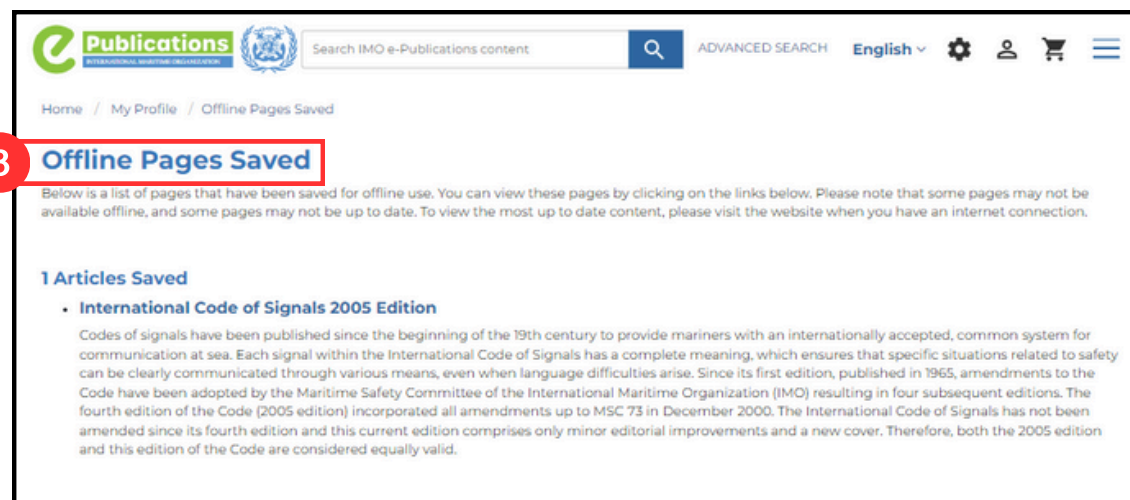
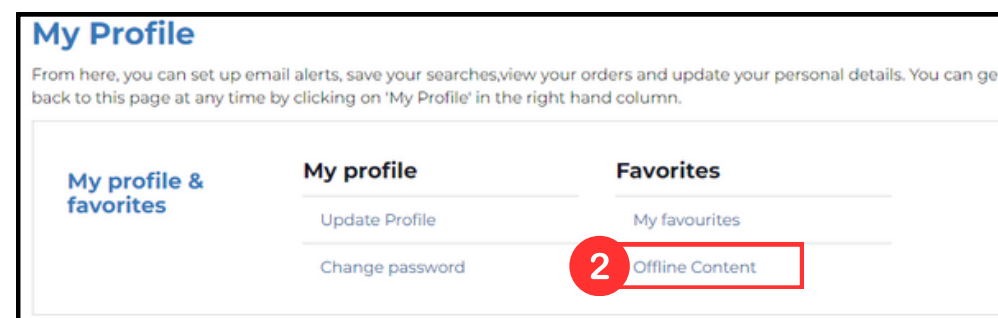
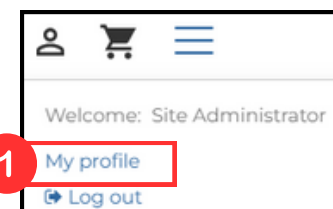
All purchased publications will be available offline during periods when internet access is limited. However, the publications first need to be saved to your browser cache. Follow the steps below to save publications for offline access.

- 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.



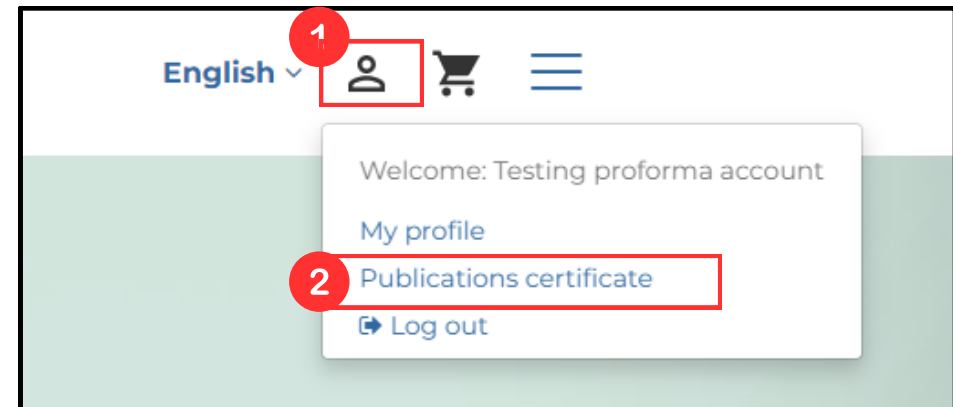
# IMO Certificate integration

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

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

When completing your profile, complete all vessel details, **including IMO vessel number\***.

- 1 You can view your certificate by going to your profile.
- 2 Choose Publications certificate from the drop down menu.



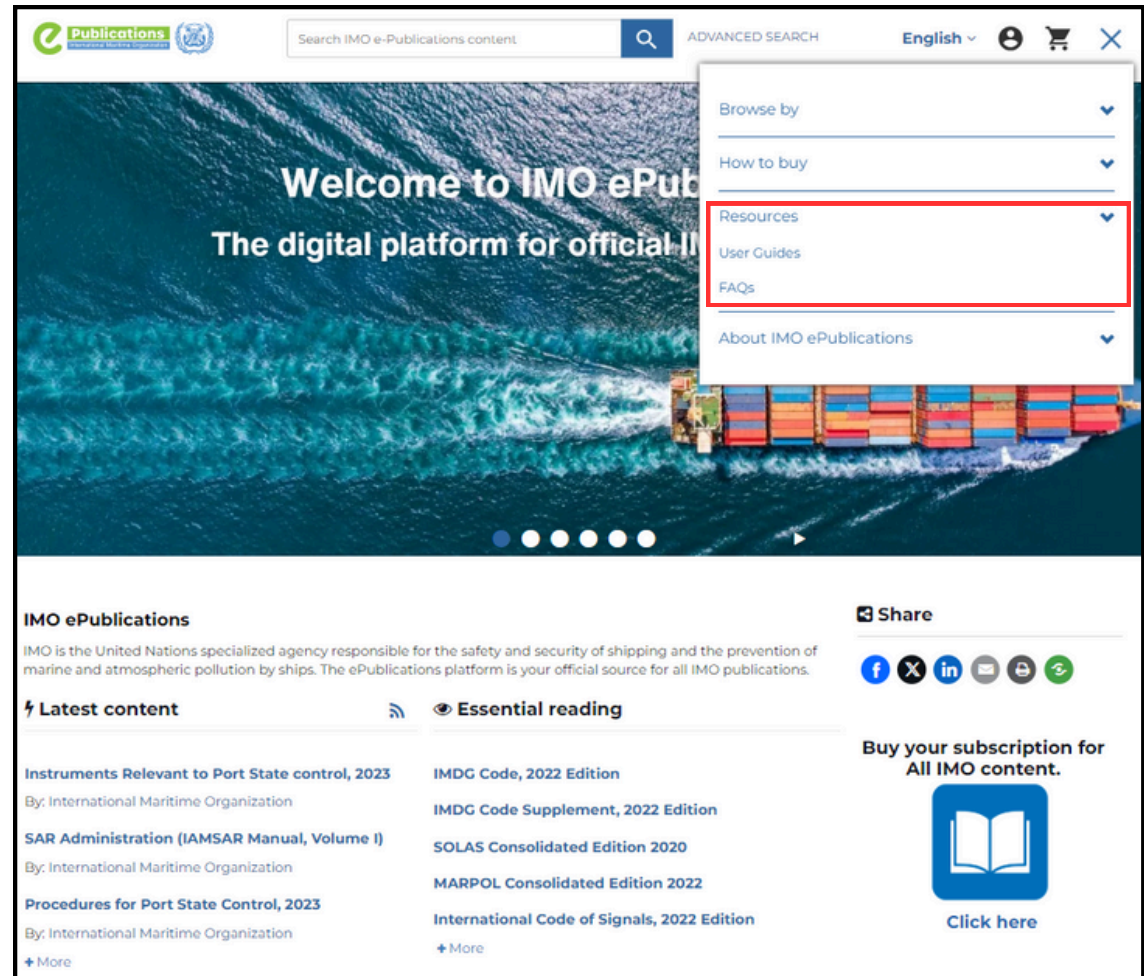
\* Your IMO vessel number must be included in your profile to validate your certificate.

# 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.



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# About IMO ePublications

**News and Updates:** here you can sign up for our newsletter.

**About us:** further information about ePublications and IMO Publishing.

**Contact us:** complete the form to send a query to one of our team.

**Terms and Conditions:** terms of use for using ePublications.

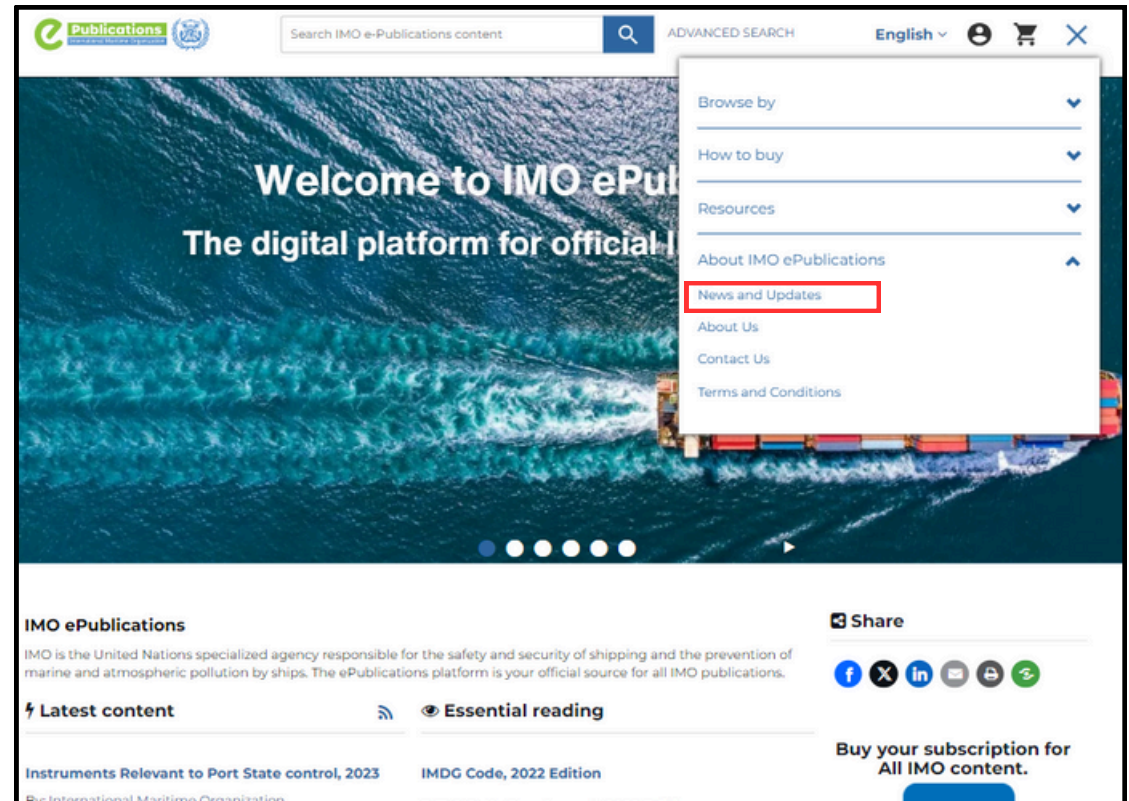
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# How to sign up for our newsletter

To keep up-to-date with ePublications, including information on the latest releases and publication supplements, please sign up to our regular newsletter.

To sign up, go to the [News and Updates](#) area found in the main menu, complete the user request form and click submit. You can amend or cancel your sign up at any time.



# Contact us

Please refer to the footer of the home page for additional information such as:

- [IMO home page](#)
- [About us](#)
- [Terms of Use and Conditions](#)
- [Privacy Policy](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

