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Shipping Industry Guidance on Pilot Transfer Arrangements

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The International Maritime Pilots' Association (IMPA) in collaboration with the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) has produced *Shipping Industry Guidance on Pilot Transfer Arrangements - Ensuring Compliance with SOLAS*.

A number of pilots have died as a result of accidents while boarding/disembarking from ships, and many more have been seriously injured. Furthermore, deficiencies with regard to boarding arrangements and unsafe rigging of pilot ladders continue to be detected during port state control inspections, resulting in delays and financial penalties for the ship operator. Nevertheless, pilot ladders remain the most safe and efficient way to board ships at sea and there is usually no alternative, except on occasions when a helicopter is used.

The guidance is intended to remind seafarers and shipping companies of the vital importance of adhering to the rules and established procedures concerning the provision of safe boarding arrangements for pilots.

The Guidance is available to view and download below with kind permission of IMPA and ICS.

