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# New Amendments to IMO's FAL Convention Effective Today

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**A**mong implementations to the maritime industry in 2018, new amendments to the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) FAL Convention go into effect today, with a revision to the Explanatory Manual slated to be developed by the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL) Committee.

First published on April 2016, the Facilitation Committee provided amendments to transition toward electronic exchange of information, which becomes mandatory on **April 9, 2019**. Revisions made to text include three additional documents required for ship clearance by port authorities, including new security-related information per SOLAS regulation XI-2/9.2.2, electronic cargo information for customs risk assessment, and an Advanced Notification Form for Waste Delivery to Port Reception Facilities. As such, all IMO FAL forms excluding the Ship's Stores Declaration form have been revised to accommodate for the changes.

The goal of these amendments is to help facilitate the transmission of electronic information, required by public officials throughout the world, through a single portal to reduce duplication, and with it, the confusion that often comes with redundancy.



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