AT A GLANCE

90% OF ALL GOODS ARE TRANSPORTED BY SHIP
There are more than 50,000 commercial ships worldwide, with over 1.5 million people working on them.

IMO IS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY THAT REGULATES INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING
so that it is:
• Safe
• Efficient
• Environmentally friendly

174 COUNTRIES ARE MEMBERS OF IMO
Collectively, they determine the regulations for international shipping.

Since IMO was established in 1948, 50 treaties have been adopted.
The number of ships (over 10 gross tons) lost at sea has fallen by more than 65% over the last decade.

The incidence of piracy, kidnapping, robbery, and other attacks on ships has nearly halved in the last decade.

Our top priority is the safety of the ships, their crews, cargo, and life in the sea.

The International Ship and Port Facility Code plays a vital role in protecting shipping against piracy, terrorism and other unlawful acts.

Our work contributes to all 17 SDGs but we have a particular focus on six of them.

IMO partners with other UN agencies to optimise shipping’s wider social and economic impact on the sea and land.

IMO is at the forefront of protecting the marine environment above and below the water.

Shipping was the first global industry to have mandatory energy-efficiency regulations.

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