

Headlines: DOJ – motion filed in Transocean limitation proceeding; NOAA – scientific response to oil spill; Somalia – crew of hijacked ship regain control from pirates; Gulf of Aden – pirates hijack freighter; FMC – reorganization – correction; Australia – *Shen Neng 1* departs; Singapore – extension of port dues concession for container ships; and UK - money found in bra.

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DOJ – motion filed in Transocean limitation proceeding



The US Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a **motion** in the federal court action by Transocean and others seeking exoneration from or limitation of liability for damages related to the sinking of the MODU Deepwater Horizon. The motion seeks a clarification that the limitation action does not apply to or affect any claims under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) and various other statutes. The motion was accompanied by a **memorandum of law**, a **declaration**, and a **draft order**. (6/1/10).

NOAA – scientific response to oil spill



The Unified Command issued a **news release** stating that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is applying the best science available in its response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. (6/2/10).

Somalia – crew of hijacked ship regain control from pirates



The EU NAVFOR issued a **press release** stating that the crew of the hijacked merchant vessel RIM regained control of the ship from pirates. One

crewmember was seriously injured during the incident. An EU warship was dispatched to the scene to provide medical support. It also chased away pirates loitering in the vicinity. The incident occurred off Somalia's northern coastline, near Garacad. (6/2/10).

Gulf of Aden – pirates hijack freighter



The EU NAVFOR issued a **press release** stating that pirates hijacked a general cargo vessel as it transited through the Internationally Recommended Transit Corridor in the Gulf of Aden. (6/2/10).

FMC – reorganization – correction



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) has corrected several omissions in its previously-issued regulation relating to reorganization of the agency. The corrections are effective immediately. *75 Fed. Reg. 31321* (June 3, 2010).

Australia – *Shen Neng 1* departs



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that on May 31 the bulk carrier *Shen Neng 1*, which was severely damaged when it grounded on a charted shoal in the Great Barrier Reef on April 3, began its tow to China for repairs. (6/2/10).

Singapore – extension of port dues concession for container ships



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that the 20% port dues concession for container ships calling at Singapore has been extended through 30 June 2012. (6/2/10).

UK – money found in bra



The UK Border Agency issued a **news release** stating that its vigilant inspectors in the Port of Holyhead seized €26,000 in cash found in the bra of a Romanian woman when she arrived on a ferry from Dublin. The undeclared money will be returned when the woman shows that it came from a legitimate source. (5/28/10).

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