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IMO – progress on Polar Code;
EC – Galileo update; and
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DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation requesting blanket authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from its facilities in Cook Inlet near Kenai, Alaska to any country with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement. Comments on the application should be received by 28 February. [79 Fed. Reg. 4677](#) (January 29, 2014).

USCG – International Ice Patrol



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that its International Ice Patrol (IIP) opens for the 2014 season on 29 January when it assumes responsibility for issuing daily iceberg warnings for the North Atlantic Ocean from the Canadian Ice Service. During the 2013 season, only 13 icebergs passed south of the 48th parallel, which marks the nominal northern boundary of the transatlantic shipping lanes. The IIP was established by the International

Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention) following the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic. (1/28/14).

ICJ – Peru v Chile maritime boundary dispute



The International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague issued its decision in the long-standing dispute between Peru and Chile regarding the maritime boundary between the two nations. Based on the evidence presented by the parties, the court determined that the maritime boundary (out to a distance of 80 nautical miles from shore) consisted of an extension along the parallel of latitude from the land boundary of the two nations. **Peru v. Chile** (ICJ, 27 January 2014).

IMO – progress on Polar Code



The Danish Maritime Authority issued a **news release** stating that the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC 1) has finalized a draft of its portion of the new Polar Code. Final adoption of the complete Polar Code is expected in November. (1/28/14).

EC – Galileo update



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that the European satellite navigation system Galileo services will be available to users at the end of 2014/beginning of 2015. (1/28/14).

EU – Marco Polo program audit



The European Court of Auditors issued a report entitled “Have the Marco Polo Programmes Been Effective in Shifting Traffic Off the Road?” Based on the information available, the Court found that the programs were ineffective in as much as they did not attain their output targets, they had little impact in shifting freight off the roads, and there was no data to assess the expected benefits of diminishing the environmental impact of freight transport, easing congestion, and improving road safety. **Special Report No 3/2013** (16 July 2013). The Council of the European Union issued **Conclusions** inviting the European Commission (EC), when taking a decision on a new scheme replacing the Marco Polo program and considering new actions in the area of freight transport services within the framework of the trans-European transport network, to take the Court’s recommendations into account. (1/28/14).

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