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## **OFAC – economic sanctions re Russia**



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **Notice** announcing expansion of the economic sanctions with regard to Russia due to the continuing crisis in Ukraine. The White House released that transcript of its **Background Conference Call** regarding the sanctions. (4/28/14).

## **DOJ – German company ordered to pay \$1.25 million**



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that, after pleading guilty in federal court, a German company was ordered to pay \$1.25 million for failure to maintain an accurate oil record book and for failure to report a known hazardous condition on board prior to arrival in a US port. A

crack in the ship's hull contaminated some of its bunker fuel, which was then pumped overboard at sea. The crack was not repaired and the Coast Guard was not notified of the condition. (4/25/14).

### USCG – safety alert



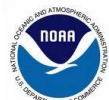
The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert regarding inadequate snaphooks on some Revere lifejacket models 198RT and 160RT. **Alert 04-14** (4/28/14).

### New Jersey – antiterrorism exercise



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that, on 29 April, numerous local, state, and federal law enforcement and emergency management agencies will participate in a full-scale antiterrorism exercise at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, New Jersey. (4/28/14).

### NOAA – hydrographic survey season



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that its 2014 hydrographic survey season has commenced. (4/28/14).

### Gulf of Aden – pirates flee when sighted



The EU NAVFOR issued a **press release** stating that pirates who had hijacked a dhow in the Gulf of Aden fled, freeing the crew, when it was sighted by a patrol aircraft and approached by a warship. (4/28/14).

### Australia – STCW security training requirements



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding owners, operators, and masters of the security training requirements provided for in recent amendments to the STCW Convention. **Marine Notice 7-2014** (4/28/14).

### Canada – bulk oil cargo fees



The **Canada Gazette** for 19 April (on pages 931-935) includes an amendment to bulk oil cargo fees (BOCF) assessed for maritime transportation of

bulk oil in Eastern Canada, including the Great Lakes. These fees are used to fund the Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd. (4/19/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Louis Le Gendre, International Shipping & Logistics.*

### Canada – humpback whale



The **Canada Gazette** for 19 April (on pages 971-980) includes a proposal to change the classification of the North Pacific population of the humpback whale from threatened to a species of special concern. Comments on the proposal must be submitted within 30 days. (4/19/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Louis Le Gendre, International Shipping & Logistics.*

### Philippines & US – defense cooperation



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that the Philippines and the United States signed an Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement facilitating an enhanced rotational presence of US forces, along with expanded opportunities for training and support of the Philippine military. While it strengthens Philippine maritime security, the agreement does not provide for permanent US bases. (4/28/14).

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