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CBP & ITA – entry process for international travelers



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the International Trade Administration (ITA) seek comments and suggestions for improving the entry process and airport-specific plans for international travelers to the United States. Comments and suggestions must be received by 15 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 42503](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2014/07/22/79-fed-reg-42503) (July 22, 2014).

MACOSH – meeting



The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH), sponsored by the Occupational Safety and Health

Administration (OSHA), will meet in Washington, DC on 19-20 August. Topics on the agenda include surface preparation and preservation in shipyards and the accuracy of declared container weights. [79 Fed. Reg. 42538](#) (July 22, 2014).

Lake Charles – FTZ application



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that its Foreign-Trade Zones Board received an application requesting subzone status for the facility of LEEVAC Shipyards, LLC, located in Jennings, Louisiana. Comments on the application should be submitted by 2 September. [79 Fed. Reg. 42521](#) (July 22, 2014).

Point Estero – wave park application



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Dynegy Point Estero Wave Park, LLC, for a preliminary permit to study the feasibility of a proposed wave energy park to be located in coastal waters of the Pacific Ocean near Morro Bay, California. Comments on the application must be received within 60 days. [79 Fed. Reg. 42511](#) (July 22, 2014).

House – bill introduced to establish freight trust fund



Representative Hahn (D-CA) introduced the [National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2014](#) (H.R. 5101) to establish a National Freight Network Trust Fund to improve the performance of the national freight network, and for other purposes. (7/14/14).

Senate – Lighthouse Resolution



The Senate considered and agreed to [Senate Resolution 507](#) designating August 7, 2014 as “National Lighthouse and Lighthouse Preservation Day” commemorating the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Lighthouse Act of 1789 by President George Washington. (7/17/14). *Note: The United States Lighthouse Service was merged into the US Coast Guard on 1 July 1939.*

Washington – allowing vessel dismantling on water



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a [news release](#) stating that it is developing a new water quality permit to allow vessel

dismantling on the water. A public meeting regarding the proposed **Vessel Deconstruction General NPDES (water quality permit** will be held on 19 August in Seattle. Written comments should be submitted by 22 August. (7/16/14).

India – regulation of FSRUs



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping issued an order notifying stakeholders of the application of Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection provisions to Indian floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) and to non-Indian FRSUs while operating in Indian waters. **DGS Order 8-2014** (7/21/14).

Panama Canal – first gates moved to new locks



The Panama Canal Authority issued a **press release** stating that the first new lock gates have been moved to new locks for the Panama Canal Expansion project. (7/21/14).

Singapore – investigation of fatal barge sinking



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that it has commenced an investigation into the sinking of the Singapore-registered barge POSH MOGAMI in Indonesian waters on 18 July with the loss of three lives. (7/20/14).

UK – new accident investigations



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued a **news release** stating that during the past week its investigators have been dispatched on four new accident investigations. (7/21/14).

UK – seafarer recruitment and placement



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Guidance Note providing information to stakeholders relating to the obligations imposed on shipowners subject to the ILO Maritime Labour Convention – MLC 2006 concerning the use of recruitment and placement services. **MGN 475 (M)** (7/21/14).

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