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FMC – meeting 25 September



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) will meet in open session in Washington, DC on 25 September. Topics on the agenda include: report on the 15 September Forum on the Causes & Implications of US Port Congestion; publication of ocean transportation intermediary (OTI) licensing activity; and amendments to OTI regulations. [79 Fed. Reg. 56585](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22565.pdf) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22565.pdf>] (9/22/14).

USCG – PDF labeling & standards



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule removing requirements for type codes for the labeling of personal floatation devices (PDFs). The rule comes into effect on 22 October. [79 Fed. Reg. 56491](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22565.pdf) [found at

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22373.pdf>]
(9/22/14).

USACE – Lower St. Anthony Falls



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to reduce the hours of operation of the Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam 1 from 19 hours per day to 10 hours per day. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 22 October. *79 Fed. Reg. 56575* [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22415.pdf>] (9/22/14).

Beaufort & Chukchi Seas – NPDES permit



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending, through 30 September, the period within which to submit comments on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for oil and gas surveying in federal waters of the Beaufort & Chukchi Seas. *79 Fed. Reg. 56577* [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22475.pdf>] (9/22/14).

FMC – OTI licensing activity



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice confirming that its direct final rule regarding procedures for public notification of ocean transportation intermediary (OTI) licensing activities entered into effect on 22 September. *79 Fed. Reg. 56522* [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22426.pdf>] (9/22/14).

FMC – dismissals of actions



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) proposes to amend its regulations relating to the rules of practice and procedure for dismissal of actions. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 22 October. *79 Fed. Reg. 56546* [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-09-22/pdf/2014-22427.pdf>] (9/22/14).

USCG – mass loaded vinyl



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin stating that there may be instances of unapproved use of mass loaded vinyl (MLV) sound dampening products on US inspected vessels. Bulkhead, deck, and overhead

materials on such vessels must meet applicable fire protection standards (FTP Code for international voyages and USCG regulations for domestic voyages). Cognizant OCMI's should be notified of instances of non-compliance so that a course of action can be determined. **MSIB 16-14** [found at http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/016_14_9-19-2014.pdf] (9/19/14).

UK – seafarer training standards



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) opened a **consultation** [found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/updating-uk-seafarer-training-standards>] on updating UK seafarer training standards to implement the Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention. Comments on the proposals must be received by 31 October. (9/19/14).

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