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IMO – BWM Convention tonnage criteria not yet met;  
EC – Antwerp container terminals investigation; and  
China – ECA reminder.

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## OFAC – JCPOA implementation



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** [located at [https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/jcpoa\\_implementation.aspx](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/jcpoa_implementation.aspx)] stating that the economic sanctions imposed against Iran by the P5+1 (China, France, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and the European Union) have been lifted in accordance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Further details are addressed in the related **Executive Order**. (1/16/16). *Note: Among other things, Iran may resume its international petroleum trade and regular commerce.*

## OFAC – economic sanctions re Iran



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** [located at <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20160117.aspx>] stating that new economic sanctions have

been imposed with respect to certain persons and entities due to non-proliferation violations. (1/17/16).

### **DOJ – environmental crimes conviction**



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/turkish-ship-management-company-and-two-employees-plead-guilty-maryland-environmental-crimes) [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/turkish-ship-management-company-and-two-employees-plead-guilty-maryland-environmental-crimes>] stating that a Turkish ship management company pleaded guilty in federal court to violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) when one of its bulk carriers routinely discharged oily waste water directly overboard and failed to log those discharges in the ship's oil record book. The company was sentenced to an overall criminal penalty of \$1.05 million and required to implement an environmental compliance plan. (1/14/16).

### **IMO – BWM Convention tonnage criteria not yet met**



The IMO issued a [news release](http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/02-bwm-count.aspx) [located at <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/02-bwm-count.aspx>] stating that, despite the recent spate of ratifications of the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention, there is still insufficient covered tonnage to enable the Convention to enter into force. Forty-seven countries have ratified, but the covered tonnage of the combined fleets is 34.56% of the global tonnage, short of the 35% required for entry into force. (1/15/16).

### **EC – Antwerp container terminals investigation**



The European Commission (EC) issued a [press release](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-81_en.htm?locale=en) [located at [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-81\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-81_en.htm?locale=en)] stating that it has opened an investigation into alleged aid to two container terminal operators in the Port of Antwerp. (1/15/16).

### **China – ECA reminder**



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice reminding stakeholders that, effective 1 January 2016, the Chinese Ministry of Transport established emission control areas (ECAs) in the three main coastal waters of the Pearl River Delta, Yangtze River Delta, and Bohai Rim in order to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Sulphur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>), and particulate matter (PM) from ships. [Notice 10-2016](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16010.pdf) [located at <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16010.pdf>] (1/15/16).

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