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USCG – ClassNK now ACP participant



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that Class NK classification society has been authorized to participate in the USCG Alternate Compliance Program (ACP). The organization has now been delegated authority to provide certain survey and certification services for US-flag vessels. [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/03/09/3092016-coast-guard-authorizes-classnk-to-participate-in-the-alternate-compliance-program/>] (3/9/16).

Hawaii – floating offshore wind energy proposal



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that it has received a third unsolicited lease request for a floating wind energy project offshore Oahu. The next step will be to publish a

Call for Information and Nominations in order to initiate the competitive planning and leasing process. [located at <http://www.boem.gov/note03082016/>] (3/8/16).

DOT – National Freight Strategic Plan



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that the deadline for receipt of comments on the draft National Freight Strategic Plan is 25 April. **81 Fed. Reg. 12781** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-10/pdf/2016-05370.pdf>] (3/10/16).

Aegean Sea – NATO patrols



NATO issued a **news release** stating that, in close coordination with member states Turkey and Greece and in cooperation with the EU's border agency Frontex, ships of the Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 have commenced patrols in waters between the Greek island of Lesbos and the Turkish coast in order to help counter the lines of illegal human trafficking and illegal migration in the Aegean Sea. [located at <http://www.shape.nato.int/2016/standing-nato-maritime-group-2-expands-area-of-activities>] (3/9/16).

EP – maritime port services



The European Parliament issued a **press release** stating that draft rules intended to boost the efficiency and cut the cost of services supplied at EU maritime ports, such as mooring and towage, have been voted by the EP. Negotiations will next be conducted to the Council to determine the final wording of the measure. [located at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/20160303IPR16935/Port-services-improving-efficiency-to-boost-trade>] (3/9/16).

ReCAAP – February report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **Report** for February 2016. During the month, it received three reports of armed robbery against ships and no reports of piracy in Asian waters. [located at http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=430&PortalId=0&TabId=78] (3/9/16).

Australia – unpacking shipping containers



Safe Work Australia issued a **notice** announcing availability of information sheets which provide practical guidelines on how to manage health and safety risks associate with unpacking shipping containers, including exposure to hazardous chemicals. [located at <http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/SWA/about/Publications/Pages/Managing-risks-when-unpacking-shipping-containers>] (3/9/16).

New Zealand – MLC ratified



Maritime New Zealand issued a **notice** stating that New Zealand has ratified the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) and it will enter into force for New Zealand on 9 March 2017. [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Commercial/Shipping-safety/maritime-labour-convention.asp>] (3/9/16).

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