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USCG – tonnage regulations



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule amending its tonnage regulations to implement statutory changes, codify principal technical interpretations, and incorporate administrative, non-substantive clarifications and updates. The changes enter into effect on 2 May. **81 Fed. Reg. 18701** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-31/pdf/2016-05623.pdf>] (3/31/16).

Port of New York – anchorage regulations



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule disestablishing thirteen anchorage grounds and one special anchorage area that are now obsolete in Newark Bay, the East River, Western Long Island Sound, Raritan Bay, and Lower New York Bay; and reducing the size of three anchorage grounds in

Raritan, Sandy Hook, and Lower New York Bays. The changes enter into effect on 2 May. **81 Fed. Reg. 18494** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-31/pdf/2016-07307.pdf>] (3/31/16).

CBP – ACE FDA pilot program to be permanent



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) pilot program concerning submission of certain data required by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) has been a success and that program is being made permanent. The FDA pilot program will end on 2 May. **81 Fed. Reg. 18634** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-31/pdf/2016-07255.pdf>] (3/31/16).

FWS – GOM Atlantic salmon



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) seeks comments on the draft recovery plan for the endangered Gulf of Maine (GOM) distinct population segment (DPS) of Atlantic salmon. Comments must be received by 31 May. **81 Fed. Reg. 18639** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-31/pdf/2016-07227.pdf>] (3/31/16).

US & Japan – port security best practices



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that its International Port Security team recently completed a bilateral engagement with Japanese officials to share best practices. (3/30/16) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2804337/>].

CRS – changes in the Arctic



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report entitled “Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues for Congress”. The report provides an overview of the impacts and potential effects of diminishment of Arctic sea ice in particular. **R41153** (3/25/16) [located at <http://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41153.pdf>].

India – procedures for laying-up vessels



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **draft notice** regarding procedures for laying-up vessels within port limits. Comments must be received by 3 April. (3/29/16 [located at http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201603290617320769316draft_ms_notice_290316.pdf].

New Zealand – container weight verification



Maritime New Zealand issued a **notice** stating that the consultation on implementation of the verified gross mass (VGM) requirement for containers shipped in international commerce has concluded and the final rule is being prepared for signing with an in-force date of 1 July. (3/30/16) [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Consultation/Container-verification/default.asp>].

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