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BSEE – civil penalty inflation adjustment



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) promulgated an interim final rule adjusting its civil penalties to account for inflation. The changes enter into effect on 28 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 41801** (6/28/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-28/pdf/2016-15157.pdf>].

HSRP – meeting on 30 August-1 September



The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Cleveland on 30 August through 1 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 42328** (6/29/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-29/pdf/2016-15365.pdf>].

NOAA – Block Island Wind Farm



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it issued an Incidental harassment Authorization (IHA) to Deepwater Wind Block Island LLC to take marine mammals by harassment incidental to installation of the Block Island Wind Farm Export and Inter-Array Cables. **81 Fed. Reg. 42318** (6/29/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-29/pdf/2016-15370.pdf>].

USCG – role in liquefied gas industry



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that it delivered presentations at two recent international liquefied gas conferences concerning its role within the industry with a focus on both large and small scale LNG operations as well as the LNG as fuel market. (6/28/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/06/28/6282016-coast-guard-speaks-at-international-liquefied-gas-conferences/>].

Senate – bill introduced re marine debris



Senator Booker (D-NJ) introduced the **Marine Debris Act Amendments of 2016** (S. 3086) to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris and for other purposes. (6/22/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s3086is/pdf/BILLS-114s3086is.pdf>].

Hong Kong – VGM weighing method



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice regarding the authorized method for obtaining the verified gross mass (VGM) of a packed container if not weighed separately from the chassis on which it is transported. **Notice 90-2016** (6/28/16) [<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16090.pdf>].

Panama Canal – inauguration of expanded Canal



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** stating that the inauguration of the expanded Panama Canal constitutes a game-changer for international maritime commerce. (6/26/16)
[<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/06/26/pr597.html>].

Singapore – VGM requirement



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular informing stakeholders of the entering into force of amendments to the merchant shipping regulations to include amendments to the SOLAS Convention, including the requirement that the master be provided with the verified gross mass (VGM) of a packed shipping container prior to loading. **Circular 14-2016** (6/27/16)
[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/87e039a5-3c65-4f17-b025-3cd87adf1da6>].

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