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USCG – MSM, Vol. II, Change 2



The US Coast Guard issued a message announcing promulgation of the latest version of Volume II (Materiel Inspection) of the Marine Safety Manual (MSM). The change does not constitute a substantive change to applicable

policy. Rather, it incorporates into the MSM policies previously located in disparate locations, such as policy letters. **ALCOAST 281/16** (8/1/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/announcements/ALCOAST/281-16_ALCOAST.txt].

USCG – civil monetary penalties



The US Coast Guard issued a message reminding field units that the July 1 final rule adjusting civil monetary penalties for inflation entered into effect on 1 August. Among other things, it reminds them to utilize the adjusted amounts when issuing Letters of Undertaking (LOU) or Surety Bonds. **ALCOAST 283/16** (8/1/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/announcements/ALCOAST/283-16_ALCOAST.txt].

USCG – Meritorious Public Service Award



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that the Meritorious Public Service Award was presented to Roy Bleiberg, former director of ABS' Global Gas Solutions for his support of the Coast Guard as a leading advocate for safe, clean, and viable transport and use of liquefied and compressed gases within the maritime industry. (8/1/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/08/01/coast-guard-awards-meritorious-public-service-award-american-bureau-shipping-roy-bleiberg/>].

USCG – MOA with DNV GL



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that it entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) authorizing DNV GL to participate in the Alternative Compliance Program (ACP). (8/1/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/08/01/coast-guard-memorandum-agreement-dnv-gl-alternate-compliance-program/>].

USMMA – Call-In Town Hall



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **notice** announcing that the US Merchant Marine Academy will hold a call-in town hall meeting on Tuesday, 2 August. Topics on the agenda include: the Sea Year Stand Down; the status of USMMA re-accreditation; Acceptance Day; and the composition of the Class of 2020. (7/29/16) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOT/bulletins/159a282>].

DOJ – False Claims Act allegations settled



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a settlement agreement has been reached with Jacintoport International LLC and Seaboard Marine Ltd regarding allegations that the companies violated the False Claims Act in connection with a warehousing and logistics contract for the storage and redelivery of humanitarian food aid. The companies have agreed to pay \$1.075 million to settle the lawsuit. (8/1/16)

[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/jacintoport-international-llc-and-seaboard-marine-ltd-agree-settle-false-claims-allegations>].

Gulf of Mexico – undelimited maritime boundaries



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that a US delegation recently traveled to Mexico City for initial tripartite discussions with officials from Mexico and Cuba regarding that undelimited maritime boundaries in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. This involves the portion of the continental shelf of the Gulf of Mexico that is more than 200 nautical miles from any of the three nations. (8/1/16)

[<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/delegations-discuss-undelimited-maritime>].

DOC – foreign-trade zone



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it received notification from Thoma-Sea Marine Constructors LLC of the intention to use foreign-source tunnel-thrusters in the construction and repair for export of oceangoing vessels in its foreign-trade subzone. Comments must be received by 12 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 50683** (8/2/16)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-02/pdf/2016-18350.pdf>].

Tokyo MOU – cargo securing arrangements CIC



The Tokyo MOU issued a **news release** stating that its Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) for the period 1 September through 30 November will focus on cargo securing arrangements. (8/1/16) [<http://www.tokyo-mou.org/doc/Press%20release%20on%20CIC%20on%20Cargo%20Securing%20Arrangements.pdf>].

India – DGS e-governance initiatives



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** updating stakeholders on the status of its e-governance initiatives. (7/28/16) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201608010513087257780news_letter_01082016.pdf].

India – “Ease of Doing Business”



The Indian Ministry of Shipping issued a **notice** announcing steps taken for promoting “Ease of Doing Business” in India, including a web-based form for Customs authorization and endorsement for acceptance of containers. (7/28/16) [<http://shipping.nic.in/showfile.php?lid=2107>].

Singapore – bunker licenses revoked



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that the bunker supplier and bunkering craft operator licenses of AC Oil Pte Ltd have been revoked. (8/1/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/f1eb0393-3b9f-464e-9d4c-70889fc159cf>].

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