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NOAA – more named storms forecast;  
CBP – ACE electronic filing of protests;  
CBP – quarterly interest rates; and  
CRS – changes in the Arctic.

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## **NOAA – more named storms forecast**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **media release** stating that forecasters now expect a 70% change of 12-17 named storms during the 2016 Atlantic Hurricane Season. The initial outlook called for 10-16 named storms. (8/11/16) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/atlantic-hurricane-season-still-expected-to-be-strongest-since-2012>].

*Note: Readers may wish to check my [Hurricane and Heavy Weather Contingency Plan](#) page.*

## CBP – ACE electronic filing of protests



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test related to the electronic filing and processing of protests and new notification procedures for protests filed electronically in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) will commence on 29 August. [81 Fed. Reg. 53497](#) (8/12/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-12/pdf/2016-19267.pdf>].

## CBP – quarterly interest rates



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that the quarterly interest rate for the period beginning 1 July 2016 for overpayments will be 3% for corporations and 4% for non-corporations and for underpayments will be 4% for both. [81 Fed. Reg. 53496](#) (8/12/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-12/pdf/2016-19167.pdf>].

## CRS – changes in the Arctic



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report entitled “Changes in the Arctic”. The report discusses the ongoing climate changes and how those changes are leading to increased human activity in the Arctic, including cruise ship operations. Military activity in the Arctic is also increasing. [R41153](#) (8/8/16) [<http://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41153.pdf>].

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