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USCG – updated FAQ re Subchapter M



The US Coast Guard posted **Updated FAQ** regarding Subchapter M (towing vessel inspection). (8/31/16) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/TVNCOE/Documents/SubM/FAQs/SubMFAQs31AUG16.pdf>].

FMC – communications protocol re Hanjin Shipping



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it has established a protocol for communicating requests for assistance to the agency concerning developments related to the status of Hanjin Shipping. (9/2/16) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-18/>].

DOJ – convictions for pollution crimes



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that, following a jury trial, two Greek shipping companies and two senior engineering officers were convicted of violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS), obstruction of justice, making false statements, witness tampering, and conspiracy. The offenses stem from the dumping of tons of oily waste at sea from the cargo ship Ocean Hope. (9/2/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-greek-shipping-companies-and-engineers-convicted-pollution-crimes-and-obstruction-justice>].

Gulf of Mexico – post-Hermine status



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that offshore oil and gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico are re-boarding platforms and rigs, and restoring production following passage of Tropical Storm Hermine. (9/2/16) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-tropical-storm-hermine-final>].

DOE – marine & hydrokinetic program strategy



The Department of Energy is accepting, through 30 September, comments on its request for information (RFI) regarding out-year marine and hydrokinetic program strategy. **81 Fed. Reg. 61216** (9/6/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-06/pdf/2016-21307.pdf>].

Australia – bulker banned for 12 months



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that the bulk carrier Five Stars Fujian has been banned from Australian ports for 12 months. The ship had been detained off Gladstone since 12 August after AMSA surveyors found the vessel did not have sufficient provisions for its intended voyage and that the crew had not been paid for several months. Those deficiencies have now been rectified. (9/2/16) [http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/01092016_FiveStarsFujianbannedfor12months.pdf].

Singapore – FEREX 2016



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that the annual ferry response exercise (FEREX), with 15 agencies and companies participating, was held on 1 September. The exercise tests the readiness of various agencies to respond to ferry mishaps in the port. (9/1/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/5ad684de-14fa-4da4-a7cb-662da033509d>].

UK – new Merchant Navy medal



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **news release** announcing establishment of a new Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service. The medal is being awarded to those serving in or who have served in the Merchant Navy and fishing fleets for exemplary service and devotion to duty, rewarding those who have set an outstanding example for others. (9/2/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/meritorious-service-rewarded-with-new-merchant-navy-medal>].

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