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DOT – PNT RFI



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a request for information (RFI) concerning positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) service for national critical infrastructure (CI) resiliency. The federal government is presently documenting civil requirements for PNT capabilities to serve as the basis for potential future acquisition activity. The initial objective is to support sustainment of domestic CI timing continuity with the capability to extend services in the future to provide positioning/navigation continuity as well. Service characteristics of interest include; timing continuity; frequency stability; system availability; and system reliability. Responses should be filed by 30 January. **81 Fed. Reg. 86378** (11/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-30/pdf/2016-28805.pdf>].

USCG – MOC with Transport Canada



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has entered into a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with Transport Canada for oversight of mutually recognized organizations that carry out inspections and certification activities of commercial vessels on behalf of both governments. (11/29/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/29/coast-guard-transport-canada-sign-memorandum-of-cooperation-oversight-mutually-recognized-organizations/>].

House – bill introduced to reform DHS



Representative McCaul (R-TX) introduced the **DHS Reform and Improvement Act** (H.R. 6381) to provide for certain homeland security improvements and for other purposes. (11/18/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr6381ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr6381ih.pdf>].

Singapore – passenger ferry grounding



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that the grounding of the passenger ferry Sea prince on 29 November 2015 was the result of the master deviating from his planned route to take a shortcut. Two life rafts were launched to evacuate the passengers. The first deflated slowly. The second took on water due to broken rubberized

compound connecting the one-way safety valve tube to the buoyancy unit. Inspection of the life rafts was not performed in accordance with the pertinent IMO guidance. (11/24/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/4bc72e14-d069-44de-879f-4d87036439af>].

UK – MOU with Scotland re MCA



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **news release** stating that the UK and Scottish governments agreed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which sets out how the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) will consult with Scottish government ministers about the agency's strategic priorities in Scotland. (11/29/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-scottish-governments-announce-historic-agreement-on-maritime-safety>].

UK – maritime passenger rights



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** regarding draft guidance relating to the rights of maritime passengers. (11/29/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-guidance-notes-relating-to-regulation-eu-no-1177-2010>].

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