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## **USCG – Marine Safety Manual, Vol. III**



The US Coast Guard issued an updated version of its Marine Safety Manual, Vol. III: Marine Industry Personnel. The update enters into effect immediately. **COMDTINST M16000.8B Change 2 (7/13/17)** [<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCG-2016-0669-0015>]. The Coast Guard also prepared a **matrix** identifying the various changes from the previous

edition. (7/13/17) [<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCG-2016-0669-0014>].

### USCG – design criteria for LNG fuel systems



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter establishing design criteria for natural gas fuel systems that provide a level of safety that is at least equivalent to that provided for traditional fuel systems. **CG-ENG Policy Letter 01-12, CH-1** (7/12/17)

[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/Design%20and%20Engineering%20Standards/docs/212ch1.pdf?ver=2017-07-13-142311-093>].

### DHS/USCG – Notice of Arrival and Departure



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) promulgated a final rule extending the exemptions from certain provisions of the Privacy Act to the updated and reissued system of records title 'Department of Homeland Security/United States Coast Guard-029 Notice of Arrival and Departure System of Records. The rule enters into effect immediately. **82 Fed. Reg. 32613** (7/17/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-17/pdf/2017-14845.pdf>].

### Senate – bill introduced re natural gas import/export



Senator Cassidy (R-LA) introduced the **License Natural Gas Now Act of 2017** (S. 1465) to terminate the prohibitions on the exportation and importation of natural gas, and for other purposes. Senator Cassidy issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/28/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1465is/pdf/BILLS-115s1465is.pdf>].

### Senate – bill introduced re Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund



Senator Murray (D-WA) introduced the **Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Reform Act of 2017** (S. 1488) to require full spending of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, to provide for expanded uses of the Fund, and to prevent cargo diversion, and for other purposes. Senator Murray issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/29/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1488is/pdf/BILLS-115s1488is.pdf>].

## Senate – bill introduced re passenger vessel security



Senator Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced the **Cruise Passenger Protection act of 2017** (S. 1502) to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes. (6/29/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1502is/pdf/BILLS-115s1502is.pdf>].

## Senate – bill introduced re USMMA sexual harassment reporting



Senator Gillibrand (D-NY) introduced the **Merchant Marine academy Improvement Act of 2017** (S. 1506) to improve the handling of instances of sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes. (6/29/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1506is/pdf/BILLS-115s1506is.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re Marine Mammal Protection Act



Representative Johnson (R-LA) introduced the **Streamlining Environmental Approvals Act of 2017** (H.R. 3133) to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce unnecessary permitting delays by clarifying associated procedures to increase economic development and support coastal restoration programs, and for other purposes. Representative Johnson issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/29/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3133ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr3133ih.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund



Representative Reichert (R-WA) introduced the **Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Reform act of 2017** (H.R. 3152) to require full spending of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, to provide for expanded uses of the Fund, and to prevent cargo diversion, and for other purposes. Representative Reichert issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/29/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3152ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr3152ih.pdf>].

## Senate – bill introduced to repeal Jones Act



Senator McCain (R-AZ) introduced a bill (S. 1561) to repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator McCain issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (7/13/17) [<https://www.mccain.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=886FD58C-76B4-49B8-8F6B-8ED09E582FF0>].

## House – bill introduced re DOT maritime programs



Representative Bacon (R-NE) introduced a bill (H.R. 3201) to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/12/17).

## House – bill introduced re US Arctic strategy



Representative Bera (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 3247) to direct the President to develop and submit to Congress a strategy to protect United States interests in the Arctic region, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/14/17).

## GAO – US Navy post-delivery process



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on the US Navy's post-delivery process for ship new construction. It identified quality assurance problems with the six ships examined, both at delivery to the Navy and when the ships were provided to the fleet. It recommends that the Navy revise its ship delivery policy to identify what kinds of defects should be corrected and by when. [GAO-17-418](#) (7/13/17) [<http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/685799.pdf>].

## California – USCG type-approved BWMSs



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) issued a [letter](#) advising that ships arriving at a California port utilizing a ballast water management system (BWMS) that has been type-approved by the US Coast

Guard will be considered in compliance with California BWMS requirements. The specific BWMS utilized must be indicated in in the BWMS report submitted to the SLC. (7/13/17)  
[<http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP/USCGTALetterFinal.pdf>].

## UNCTAD – world maritime fleet



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) issued **statistics** regarding the world maritime fleet. (7/10/17)  
[[http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1516&utm\\_source=UNCTAD+Transport+and+Trade+Facilitation+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=73f2ae90a1-UNCTAD\\_s\\_Transport\\_Newsletter\\_n74&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f6141a63dd-73f2ae90a1-44484485](http://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1516&utm_source=UNCTAD+Transport+and+Trade+Facilitation+Newsletter&utm_campaign=73f2ae90a1-UNCTAD_s_Transport_Newsletter_n74&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f6141a63dd-73f2ae90a1-44484485)].

## Singapore – MLC 2006 financial security requirements



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a revised circular concerning the requirements to provide compulsory financial security under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 relating to repatriation of abandoned seafarers and work injury compensation. **Shipping Circular 3-2017 rev2** (7/14/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1502is/pdf/BILLS-115s1502is.pdf>].

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