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## **USCG – US-build determination**



The US Coast Guard posted a **determination letter** concerning the Aloha class container ships to be constructed at Philly Shipyard for Matson Navigation Company. The Coast Guard determined that the incorporation of certain foreign-built components in the hulls of the vessels will not adversely affect their eligibility as having been built in the United States and their eligibility to engage in the US coastwise trade. (7/25/17)

[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/NVDC/Philly%20ShipyardAloha.pdf?ver=2017-07-31-084932-790>].

## USCG – foreign-rebuild determination



The US Coast Guard posted a **determination letter** stating that certain work to be performed on the anchor handling and towing supply vessel Resolve Pioneer in a foreign shipyard will not adversely affect the eligibility of the vessel to continue to engage in the US coastwise trade. (7/28/17)  
[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/NVDC/RESOLVE%20PIONEER%2007-28-2017.pdf?ver=2017-07-31-085311-933>].

## USCG – MOA with ICGB



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it and the International Cargo Gear Bureau (ICGB) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for certain inspections and tests performed on US-flag vessels by ICGB on behalf of the Coast Guard. (7/31/17)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/07/31/7312017-coast-guard-and-international-cargo-gear-bureau-sign-memorandum-of-agreement/>].

## DOJ – former MSC contractor sentenced



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the former owner of a company that provided services to the Military Sealift Command (MSC) was sentenced to 60 months in prison and to pay a \$15,000 fine for his participation in a bribery conspiracy in which he provided a MSC contracting official with almost \$3 million in bribes. (7/31/17)  
[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-government-contractor-sentenced-60-months-his-participation-bribery-conspiracy>].

## FMC – complaint against Port Authority of NY/NJ



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a complaint filed by Port Elizabeth Terminal & Warehouse Corp. against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey alleging violations of the Shipping Act because the Port Authority has given undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to other marine terminal operators. **82 Fed. Reg. 35781** (8/1/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-01/pdf/2017-16166.pdf>].

## Paris & Tokyo MOUs – CIC on safety of navigation



The Paris and Tokyo MOUs issued a **joint press release** announcing that the concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) for 1 September through 30 November will focus on safety of navigation (SOLAS Ch. V). (7/31/17)  
[[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/634266/msn\\_1874.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/634266/msn_1874.pdf)].

## UK – MAIB annual report



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) posted its **Annual Report 2016**. (7/31/17)  
[[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/634079/MAIB\\_AnnualReport2016.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/634079/MAIB_AnnualReport2016.pdf)].

## UK – marine equipment type approval



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Merchant Shipping Notice providing updated guidance about the procedures for obtaining type approval for marine equipment. **MSN 1874 (M&F)** (7/31/17)  
[[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/634266/msn\\_1874.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/634266/msn_1874.pdf)].

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