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DOS – implementation of IMO instruments



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that it will conduct an open meeting on 14 September in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III 4). Topics on the agenda include reports on alleged inadequacy of port reception facilities; safety issues identified from analysis of marine safety investigation reports; and harmonization of port state control activities. **82 Fed. Reg. 37283** (8/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-09/pdf/2017-16768.pdf>].

Northern Mariana Islands – marine conservation plan



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing approval of a Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) for the Northern Mariana Islands. **82 Fed. Reg. 37198** (8/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-09/pdf/2017-16797.pdf>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – decreased outflow



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that the outflow from Lake Ontario has been decreased to 9,910 cubic meters per second. Regardless, the high flow measures will remain in effect for now. **Seaway Notice 19-2017** (8/8/17) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20170808.pdf>].

Panama Canal – toll structure modified



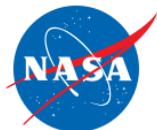
The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that toll structure modifications have been approved, allowing the Canal to remain competitive, while increasing efforts to provide an outstanding service and reliability. The modifications will enter into effect on 1 October. **Advisory 27-2017** (8/8/17) [<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-27-2017.pdf>].

Panama Canal – July operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during July. **Advisory 25-2017** (8/4/17) [<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-25-2017.pdf>].

Svalbard – satellite laser ranging station



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a **news release** stating that it and the Norwegian Mapping Authority are partnering to develop a state-of-the-art satellite laser ranging station at Svalbard 650 miles from the North Pole that will produce high-precision locations of orbiting satellites, help track changes in the ice sheets and improve the efficiency of marine transportation and agriculture. (8/7/17)

[<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2017/nasa-and-norway-to-develop-arctic-station>].

Australia – increasing use of FOC shipping



The Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee of the Australian Senate port its report entitled ‘**Increasing Use of so-called Flag of Convenience shipping in Australia**’. (7/19/17)

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/FOCShipping45/Report].

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