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Puerto Rico – humanitarian relief and port reconstitution efforts



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that, following passage of Hurricane Maria through Puerto Rico, it has commenced humanitarian relief and port reconstitution efforts. (9/20/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b85a8c>].

USCG – Polar Ship Certificate



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule adding the Polar Ship Certificate to a list of certificates that certain US and foreign-flag ships will need to carry on board if they engage in international voyages in polar waters. The rule enters into effect on 23 October. [82 Fed. Reg. 44108](#) (9/21/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-21/pdf/2017-20155.pdf>].

USCG – Great Lakes Pilotage rates – correction



The US Coast Guard issued corrections to its 31 August rulemaking regarding Great Lakes Pilotage rates. **82 Fed. Reg. 43864** (9/20/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-20/pdf/C1-2017-18411.pdf>].

USCG – vessel documentation regulations



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule making technical amendments to its vessel documentation regulations. The amendments enter into effect immediately. **82 Fed. Reg. 43858** (9/20/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-20/pdf/2017-20023.pdf>].

USCG – guidelines re BWM Convention



The US Coast Guard posted guidelines for voluntary compliance with the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-05** (9/6/17) [http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2017/CG-CVC_pol17-05.pdf].

FMC – meeting summary



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** summarizing its 20 September meeting concerning supply chain teams, shipping forum, procedural changes, and a petition regarding port practices. (9/20/17) [https://www.fmc.gov/commission_meeting_summarySep2017/],

CMTS – Federal Funding Handbook



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (**CMTS**) posted a notice announcing the availability of the updated and enhanced Federal Funding Handbook for MTS Infrastructure. (9/18/17) [<http://www.cmts.gov/>].

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