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## **USCG – SPV plan review and testing**



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance regarding plan review and testing of propulsion control systems on small passenger vessels (SPVs) that use microprocessors. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-07** (10/19/17) [[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2017/CG-CVC\\_pol17-07.pdf](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2017/CG-CVC_pol17-07.pdf)].

## **USCG – SPV machinery alarm testing**



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance regarding inspection of machinery alarms on small passenger vessels (SPVs). **CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-08** (10/19/17) [[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2017/CG-CVC\\_pol17-08.pdf](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2017/CG-CVC_pol17-08.pdf)].

## FMC – complaint filed against ro-ro carriers



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice announcing that a complaint has been filed by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and FCA Italy against a number of ro-ro vehicle carriers alleging conspiracy to suppress competition in violation of the Shipping Act of 1984. **82 Fed. Reg. 49206** (10/24/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-24/pdf/2017-22969.pdf>].

## DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Fourchon LNG LLC requesting authorization to export liquefied natural gas from a facility to be located in Port Fourchon. Comments must be received by 26 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 49201** (10/24/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-24/pdf/2017-23017.pdf>].

## Mississippi – danger zone



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) promulgated a final rule establishing a danger zone in the East Pearl River at the John C. Stennis Space Center. The rule enters into effect on 24 November. **82 Fed. Reg. 49113** (10/24/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-24/pdf/2017-23004.pdf>].

## Canada – deck watch requirement



Transport Canada issued a Ship Safety Bulletin (SSB) reminding stakeholders of deck watch requirements for commercial vessels in Canadian waters. Except in limited circumstances, a qualified individual in addition to the person in charge of the deck watch is required as part of the deck watch. **SSB 7-2017** (9/26/17) [<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/bulletins-2017-07-eng.htm>].

## Panama Canal – pre-arrival information



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory reminding stakeholders of the requirement for submittal of complete and accurate pre-arrival information at least 96 hours prior to arrival. **Advisory 38-2017** (10/17/17) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-38-2017.pdf>].

## Navy Salvage Act – 24 October 1941



On this date in 1941, Congress enacted into law the Navy Salvage Act. By means of this legislation, the Secretary of the Navy was authorized for the first time to provide, by contract or otherwise, necessary salvage facilities for both public and private vessels on such terms as he determined appropriate. As enacted, this authorization was limited to times of war or national emergency, but this restriction was later dropped. **55 Stat. 745** (10/24/1941).

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