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## **USCG – INMARSAT network migration**



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** concerning the upcoming INMARSAT network migration and its impact on the maritime distress and safety services. (4/9/18)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/09/4-9-2018-inmarsat-network-migration-impact-on-maritime-distress-and-safety-services/>].

## **DOS – meeting on 11 May re MSC 99**



The Department of State (DOS) will conduct an open meeting on 11 May in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 99). Topics on the agenda include ship systems & equipment; maritime security; and regulatory scoping exercise for use of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS). **83 Fed. Reg. 15446** (4/10/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-10/pdf/2018-07319.pdf>].

## DOC – FTZ production facility authorized



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that the proposed production facility in the Marine Industries Association of South Florida foreign trade zone (FTZ) in Fort Lauderdale has been authorized. **83 Fed. Reg. 15359** (4/10/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-10/pdf/2018-07327.pdf>].

## IMO – recap of SSE 5 session



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** summarizing the recent session of the IMO Sub-committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE5). (4/9/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/09/4-9-2018-recap-of-the-5th-session-of-the-imo-sub-committee-on-ship-systems-and-equipment/>].

## Panama Canal – March operations summary



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during March. It also includes the schedule of planned lock outages for the remainder of the fiscal year and the projected maximum draft allowances for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks.

**Advisory 9-2018** (4/6/18)

[<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-09-2018.pdf>].

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