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## **White House – sanctions against Iran to be expanded**



The White House issued a **Fact Sheet** stating that, effective 5 November, the United States is reimposing all sanctions against Iran that had been lifted under previous arrangements. Sanctions will target critical sectors of Iran's economy such as its energy, shipping, shipbuilding, and financial sectors. (11/2/18) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-reimposing-sanctions-lifted-unacceptable-iran-deal/>].

## OFAC – sanction regulations re Iran



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) promulgated a final rule amending the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations to implement further the US withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The rule enters into effect immediately. **83 Fed. Reg. 55000** (11/5/18) []. *Note: But see the White House action discussed above.*

## DOJ – \$3.2 million for obstruction of justice



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a ship operator pleaded guilty in federal court to obstruction of justice and falsifying the ship's oil record book (ORB) to hide discharging oily waste water into the ocean. The company was on probation for a similar violation in 2016. It has been sentenced to pay \$3.2 million and to four years of probation. (11/2/18) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/german-shipping-operator-sentenced-pay-32-million-obstruction-justice-and-falsifying-official>].

## USCG – automatic pilot systems on tankers



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule authorizing tankers with automatic pilot systems that meet certain international standards to operate using those systems in shipping safety fairways and traffic separation schemes. The rule enters into effect on 5 December. **83 Fed. Reg. 55272** (11/5/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-05/pdf/2018-24127.pdf>].

## IWUB – meeting on 29 November versus 28 November



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will meet on 29 November rather than the previously scheduled 28 November. **83 Fed. Reg. 55353** (11/5/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-05/pdf/2018-24147.pdf>].

## DOE – export of LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** announcing that it has approved, for a period of two years, the export of LNG from the Corpus Christi LNG Project. (11/2/18) [<https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-authorizes-short-term-natural-gas-exports-corpus-christi-lng-project>].

## DOT – \$5.95 million loan to Port of Everett



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** announcing that a \$5.95 million loan is being made available to the Port of Everett for its Marine Terminal Rail Improvements Phase II Project. (11/1/18) [<https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-department-transportation-announces-595-million-loan-fund-marine-terminal-rail>].

## MARAD – Women on the Water Conference



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that Maritime Administrator Mark H. Buzby welcomed female cadets from the seven U.S. maritime academies to the 10th annual Women on the Water Conference, held November 1-3 in Castine, Maine. The conference, sponsored by the Maine Maritime Academy (MMA) in partnership with MARAD, showcases the successes of women in the maritime industry. (11/1/18) [[https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_release/2018/maritime-administrator-welcomes-cadets-to-annual-women-on-the-water-conference/](https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2018/maritime-administrator-welcomes-cadets-to-annual-women-on-the-water-conference/)].

## USMMA – Jack Buono named next Superintendent



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** announcing that Jack Buono has been selected as the next Superintendent of the US Merchant Marine Academy. (11/2/18) [[https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_release/2018/maritime-administration-announces-new-superintendent-for-u-s-merchant-marine-academy/](https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2018/maritime-administration-announces-new-superintendent-for-u-s-merchant-marine-academy/)].

## New Zealand – don't leave the lights on



The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) issued the report of its investigation of the 23 September 2017 fire in a cargo hold of the multipurpose/container vessel Kokopo Chief at the Port of Tauranga. The number 4 cargo hold was loaded with tiers of packaged timber. When loading was completed, the hatch lid was closed and containers loaded on top. Shortly before midnight the ship's smoke-detection system alarmed, alerting the crew to a fire that had broken out in number 4 cargo hold. The crew response to the fire included activating the ship's fixed carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) fire-extinguishing system, which involved sealing the cargo hold and releasing liquid CO<sub>2</sub> into the cargo hold. The fire was eventually extinguished. Investigation revealed that the probable cause of the fire was the failure to extinguish the incandescent reflector lamp in the hold before the hold was sealed. **MO-2017-205** (11/1/18) [<https://taic.org.nz/sites/default/files/inquiry/documents/MO-2017-205%20Final.pdf>].

## Panama – Oil Record Book and Emissions



The Panama Maritime Authority issued a circular providing updated guidance on the proper maintenance and keeping of the Oil Record Book, now named the Oil Record Book and Emissions, as required by the amended MARPOL 73/78. **MMC-215** (10/26/18) [<https://www.segumar.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/MMC-215-26-10-2018.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my long-suffering reader Emilio Tombolesi of Carnival.*

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