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OFAC – Syria shipping risks



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), with the Department of State and the US Coast Guard, issued an **Advisory** concerning sanctions risks related to shipping petroleum to Syria. Those at risk include insurers, shipping companies, financial institutions, and vessel owners, managers, and operators. The advisory includes a list of vessels that delivered oil to Syria 2016-2018. (11/20/18) [https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/syria_shipping_advisory_11202018.pdf].

Court – LHWCA attorney fee calculation



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit denied the petition of a claimant under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act

(LHWCA) for review of the Benefits Review Board award of attorney fees. The court found that the Board's determinations of inflation rate and base rate was not an abuse of discretion. **Hardman v. Marine Terminals Corp.**, No. 17073370 (9th Cir., November 19, 2018)
[<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2018/11/19/17-73370.pdf>].

INTERPOL – marine pollution



INTERPOL issued a **news release** stating that a month-long international law enforcement operation involving 58 nations revealed more than 500 maritime pollution incidents, including illegal discharges of oil and garbage from vessels; shipbreaking; breaches of ship emissions regulations; and pollution on rivers and land-based runoff into the sea. (11/13/18)
[<https://www.interpol.int/News-and-media/News/2018/N2018-135>].

EC – improving ship safety in the Arctic



The European Commission (EC) posted an **article** discussing research on innovations to improve ship safety in the Arctic. The project is developing ways to improve the design, operation, navigation, and anti-icing features of ships transiting the region. (11/19/18)
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/infocentre/article_en.cfm?id=/research/headlines/news/article_18_11_19_en.html?infocentre&item=Infocentre&artid=49784].

Malta – fatal accident with mooring line



Transport Malta issued the report of its investigation into the fatal occupational accident on board the bulk carrier Eleni M on 18 November 2017. While securing the aft mooring lines subsequent to leaving port, the crew member was dragged into the limited clearance between the reeled-in mooring rope on the winch drum and the deck beneath. He died of the injuries incurred. **Report 20-2018** (11/19/18)
[<https://mtip.gov.mt/en/msiu/Documents/MV%20Eleni%20M%20-%20Final%20Safety%20Accident%20Investigation%20Report.pdf>].

Panama Canal – lock outage



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that the west lane of the Gatun Locks will be out of service from 1600, November 26 through 0400, November 27. As a result, the Transit Reservation System Condition 1.a for the Panamax locks will be in effect on 27 November. **Advisory 37-2018** (11/19/18)

[<https://www.pan Canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-37-2018.pdf>].

Singapore – MLC Financial Security Certificates



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular announcing that the Ship Registry's suite of services has been enhanced to allow for electronic submission of MLC Financial Security Certificates.

Shipping Circular 15-2018 (11/20/18)

[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/401e5c1e-23f2-4961-8e33-a11126f3cd01>].

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