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NTSB – meeting on 5 December



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a notice stating that it will meet on 5 December in Washington, DC to consider the report of the fire onboard the small passenger vessel *Island Lady* near Port Richey, Florida on 14 January 2018. **83 Fed. Reg. 60905** (11/27/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-27/pdf/2018-25912.pdf>].

DOT – revisions to civil penalty amounts



The Department of Transportation (DOT) and its constituent agencies, including MARAD and SLSDC, are amending their various civil penalty amounts in order to account for inflation. The changes enter into effect immediately. **83 Fed. Reg. 60732** (11/27/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-27/pdf/2018-24930.pdf>].

PHMSA – HMR amendments proposed



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to maintain alignment with international regulations and standards, including the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code. Comments must be received by 28 January 2019. **83 Fed. Reg. 60970** (11/27/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-27/pdf/2018-24620.pdf>].

IMO – biofouling initiative



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that a global project has been launched to protect marine biodiversity threatened by invasive species transferred via ships' hulls and other marine structures. (11/26/18) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/21-glofouling.aspx>].

India – port reception facility portal



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular announcing establishment of a centralized port reception facility portal to facilitate an efficient, effective, and transparent port reception service delivery process. **Circular 6-2018** (11/20/18) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/News/201811260400454507550DGS_Cir_06of2018.pdf].

UK – carriage of dangerous goods



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Merchant Shipping Notice revising requirements regarding carriage of dangerous goods and marine pollutants in packaged form so as to incorporate recent amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, **MSN 1893 (M)** (11/26/18) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/759095/MSN_1893_FINAL_14_November_2018.pdf].

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