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DHS – Cyber Emergency Directive



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued an Emergency Directive warning federal agencies of incidents involving Domain Name System (DNS) infrastructure tampering. Attackers have redirected and intercepted web and mail traffic and could do so for other networked services. It directs agencies to change passwords and add multifactor authentication. **Emergency Directive 19-01** (1/22/19) [<https://cyber.dhs.gov/assets/report/ed-19-01.pdf>].

Maritime Advisory – Gulf of Guinea



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an advisory concerning the risk of piracy, armed robbery, and kidnapping-for-ransom in waters of the Gulf of Guinea. Caution is recommended for vessels transiting these waters. **Advisory 2019-003** (1/18/19) [<https://www.maritime.dot.gov/content/2019-003-gulf-guinea-piracyarmed-robberyykidnapping-ransom>].

Maritime Advisory – Sulu and Celebes Seas



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an advisory concerning the risk of piracy, armed robbery, and terrorism in waters of the Sulu and Celebes Seas. Caution is recommended for vessels transiting these waters. **Advisory 2019-004** (1/18/19) [<https://www.maritime.dot.gov/content/2019-002-sulu-and-celebes-sea-piracyarmed-robberyyterrorism>].

USCG – unacceptable impact of lapse in appropriations



The US Coast Guard posted on Twitter a **message** from Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant, USCG concerning the unacceptable impact of the lapse in appropriations on service personnel. (1/22/19) [<https://twitter.com/ComdtUSCG>].

FERC – Driftwood LNG EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that a final environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the Driftwood LNG project proposed for southwest Louisiana. (1/18/19) [<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2019/01-18-19-FEIS.asp?csrt=8713014397792750752>].

House – bill introduced re Navy aircraft carriers



Representative Conaway (R-TX) introduced a bill (H.R. 700) to increase the number of operational aircraft carriers of the Navy, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/22/19).

House – bill introduced re FMC



Representative Posey (R-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 709) to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide statutory authority for the Office of Consumer Affairs and Dispute Resolution Services of the Federal Maritime Commission, to increase public awareness and understanding of ocean shipping services agreements and such Office, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/22/19).

Court – implied warranty of merchantability



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the grant of summary judgment in favor of defendant cooling system company in an action by a yacht owner for damages to the yacht allegedly caused by a breach of an implied warranty of merchantability relating to the installation of an improperly-sized low pressure switch in the marine chiller unit. **Tri-Lady Marine v Aqua-Air Manufacturing**, No. 18-12427 (11th Cir., January 23, 2019) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/files/201812427.pdf>].

EMSA – conference on transport cybersecurity



The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) issued a **press release** concerning the first European Conference on Transport Cybersecurity, held in Lisbon. The conference gave participants from both the public and private sphere the opportunity to look at cybersecurity from a multifaceted and multimodal perspective. They discussed the legal framework in place for cybersecurity at EU level and its relevance for the transport sector, as well as the need for cooperation in the future, and published their conclusions. (1/23/19) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2-news-a-press-centre/news/3441-cooperation-to-raise-cybersecurity-awareness-across-transport-modes.html>].

Panama Canal – maximum allowable draft



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that, effective 27 February, the maximum allowable draft for transit through the neopanamax locks will be 14.63 m (48.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW).

Advisory 03-2019 (1/22/19)

[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2019/a-03-2019.pdf>].

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