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USCG – BWMS compliance date extensions



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has reconsidered its previous interpretation of 'next scheduled drydocking' with respect to ballast water management system (BWMS) compliance dates. Due to drydock slippage, the Coast Guard has determined that existing extensions with a compliance date stipulated as the 'first scheduled drydock after (date)' will not be affected by circumstances such as drydocking for emergency purposes or to install an exhaust gas cleaning system (scrubber) that did not involve a statutory out-of-the-water survey. (3/11/19)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/03/11/3-11-2019-ballast-water-compliance-date-extensions-next-scheduled-drydock/>].

Key West – maritime security exercise on 14 March



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the Florida Keys Area Maritime Security Committee will host a full-scale maritime security exercise at the Key West Ferry Terminal on 14 March. (3/11/19)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/235c8of>].

USCG – icebreaker Polar Star returns from Antarctic



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that, despite suffering several onboard casualties, the icebreaker USCGC Polar Star returned to its homeport of Seattle after making possible the annual resupply of US bases in Antarctica. (3/11/19)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/234582d>].

CBP – 3,200 lbs. of cocaine seized



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a [news release](#) stating that approximately 3,200 pounds of cocaine were seized from a shipping container at the port of New York/Newark in a multi-agency operation. (3/11/19)
[<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/local-media-release/cbp-hsi-dea-uscg-nysp-nypd-approximately-3200-pounds-cocaine-seized>].

CBP – 21st Century Customs Framework



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is reopening, through 11 April, the period within which to submit comments on the draft 21st Century Customs Framework. [84 Fed. Reg. 8884](#) (3/12/19)

[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-12/pdf/2019-04433.pdf>].

DOE – SPR standard sales provisions



The Department of Energy (DOE) is amending its regulations to require publication of its Standard Sales Provisions for the price competitive sale of petroleum from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) solely on the DOE SPR website. The final rule enters into effect on 11 April. [84 Fed. Reg. 8791](#) (3/12/19)
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-03-12/pdf/2019-04463.pdf>].

Court – mesothelioma remand



A divided panel of the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit reluctantly affirmed the remand to state court of a claim of exposure to asbestos against a shipyard that asserted that work performed on the US Navy ship was done at the direction and under the supervision of Navy. The majority of the panel considered itself bound by Circuit precedent. **Latiolais v Huntington Ingalls**, No. 18-30652 (5th Cir., March 11, 2019) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/18/18-30652-CVo.pdf>].

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