



**OUR "A" Section: Trade, Financial & Inland News\*\*\***

**1. Freight Forwarder Trade Briefs \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*\*What Is Required To Ship Charity Goods To The Philippines?** .....as on Nov. 8, 2013, super typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines. Many U.S. residents and organizations are generously donating food, water, medicines, and other supplies to aid in the relief efforts. In order to facilitate the movement of these goods, the following guidance is offered and applies to goods not requiring a license, such as food, clothing and medicines. There are four Schedule B numbers that can be used when exporting humanitarian goods. Those numbers are found in Chapter 98 of the Schedule B Manual, under the subheading 9802.

<b>Schedule B</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit of measurement</b>
<a href="#">9802.10.0000</a>	Food Products	X no unit required
<a href="#">9802.20.0000</a>	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	X no unit required
<a href="#">9802.30.0000</a>	Wearing apparel (including footwear and headwear)	X no unit required
<a href="#">9802.40.0000</a>	Donated articles, not elsewhere specified	X no unit required

Any commodity valued over US\$2,500 per Schedule B number or that requires a license must be filed in the Automated Export System (AES). However, if the commodity is valued less than US\$2,500 per Schedule B number and does not require a license, then the low value exemption (NOEEI 30.37 (a)) can be used. In this case, food, clothing and medicines do not require a license; however, medical equipment and tools may require an export license. The Export Information Code to be reported is "CH" or "CI" for shipments of goods donated for relief or charity. The value to be reported is the market value. If the value is not known, estimate how much you would receive if you sold the goods. The value should be consistent with the goods being exported, to avoid confusion and possible delays with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer at the port of export. There are different ways to file your export information. The most common is to report through the U.S. Census Bureau's free Internet based filing system called AESDirect at: <http://aesdirect.census.gov/>. Another option is to file with a forwarder or agent who may be more familiar with export licensing and regulations. The U.S. Census Bureau staff is available to help make the process as smooth as possible. For more information, contact the U.S. Census Bureau [800-549-0595](tel:800-549-0595). Select Option 1 for help with the AES, Option 2 for Classifications, and Option 3 for Regulations.

**e-mail U.S. Census:**

[askaes@census.gov](mailto:askaes@census.gov)

[FTDregs@census.gov](mailto:FTDregs@census.gov)

Philippines Sailors' Society Typhoon Haiyan Relief Appeal

[www.justgiving.com/Sailors-Society?dm\\_i=DSP,1YXTF,9494WH,72ZUC,1](http://www.justgiving.com/Sailors-Society?dm_i=DSP,1YXTF,9494WH,72ZUC,1)

The Salvation Army HaiyanRelief

<https://donate.salvationarmyusa.org/typhoonhaiyan?erid=37108145&trid=1797906b-3e51-436e-a8fb-ae3e883ce97c>

Watch: Daring Rescue of Philippine Barge Crew

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFfzAd\\_ihrw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFfzAd_ihrw)

**\*\*\*Happy Thanksgiving -- Now Go Secure The Cargo** ..... as he logistics security services provider, FreightWatch International, has issued a Thanksgiving Holiday Awareness bulletin about cargo thefts. It notes year after year the holiday shipping season shows an increase in cargo theft risks for transportation companies, shippers and manufacturers. "Over the past three Thanksgiving holiday weekends the industry has experienced 10.5 thefts per day, more than three times the annual average of 2.6 thefts per day throughout those years," said FreightWatch. It warns organized theft rings are active and they understand increased supply chain volume translates into more shipments. "Additionally, during this time, electronics and clothing/shoes rise up on the thieves' wish lists in a three way tie with the ever popular category of food/drinks for the most targeted product type." FreightWatch points to several notable cargo theft that took place during the 2012 Thanksgiving holiday as reason for taking precautions:

\* Nov. 21, full truckload of 3D televisions and Blu-ray players stolen in California.

\* Nov. 22, over US\$550,000 dollars worth of infant formula was stolen from an unsecured lot in Texas.

\* Nov. 24, US\$540,000 dollars in copper stolen in Illinois.

\* Nov. 25, full truckload theft of clothing in New Jersey.

\* Nov. 25, full truckload theft of computer memory chips from Illinois.

**Learn More About Freightwatch Int'l**

[www.freightwatchintl.com/](http://www.freightwatchintl.com/)

**\*\*\*U.S. Genetically Modified Corn Banned** ..... as a shipment of 55,000 tons has been rejected by China on arrival at the Shenzhen-Shekou terminal near Hong Kong because it was not on Beijing's approved GM food list. The refusal of the shipment by Shenzhen's quarantine bureau has rattled corn futures on the Chicago Board of Trade, which has registered a three-year low for December. The Swiss-based chemical company Syngenta AG production of Agrisure Viptera (known as MIR 612) corn, genetically engineered to protect against insect contamination, has been approved by several corn export markets including Japan, the European Union and Mexico. This year's bumper U.S. crop has meant that China, the world's largest corn importers, has seen feed mill buyers' bulk purchases benefit from cheap prices due to a record U.S. harvest. This has impacted domestic prices, which are record highs at 20 per cent more than U.S. corn. Beijing's stockpiling of corn has raised prices in order to support farmers and boost demand. The discovery of the GM corn, likely to be rerouted to Japan or South Korea, is an isolated incident for U.S. corn imports to China and does not signal long-term issues of import curbs, said U.S. research company Allendale's chief strategist Rich Nelson. To date China has imported a record

amount of corn from 5.23 million tons in fiscal 2012/2013 to record 7 million tons of corn from Sept. 2013 to August 2014, said the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

**\*\*\*Record U.S. Ag Exports** ..... as the USDA released its final tally for agricultural exports in fiscal year 2013, showing a record of US\$140.9Bn. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack made the following statement on this news: "American agriculture achieved record exports once again in fiscal year 2013, and the period 2009-13 stands as the strongest five-year period for agricultural exports in our nation's history. In fact, compared to the previous five-year period from 2004-08, U.S. agricultural exports from 2009-13 increased by a total of more than US\$230Bn — and the average volume of bulk commodities exported increased by nearly 4 million tons per year during that same period.

**\*\*\*Japan Output Rise** ..... as exports rose 18.6% in the year to October driven by a surge in car shipments, beating market expectations of 16.5% and representing the biggest annual increase in three years, according to data from the Ministry of Finance. Exports also rebounded in volume terms, up 4.4 per cent from a year earlier.

**\*\*\*Australia Rethinks Green Tax** ..... as the process to repeal it's carbon tax formally began this month, when the country's new Parliament began its session. Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who was elected in a landslide election in September, has called the repeal of the controversial measure one of his top policy priorities, making it the first bill to be introduced in this legislative session.

**\*\*\*Calculation of EU Customs Duties** ..... as the annually revised Combined Nomenclature (CN) will come into effect 1 January 2014. When declared to customs in the European Community, goods must generally be classified according to the CN. Imported and exported goods must be declared under the subheadings of the CN. This determines which rate of customs duty applies and how the goods are treated for statistical purposes. The European Commission states: "The CN is thus a vital working tool for business and the Member States' customs administrations." The Explanatory Notes to the CN are considered to be an important aid for interpreting the scope of the various tariff headings but do not have legally binding force.

#### **Read About The Combined Nomenclature**

[http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/customs/customs\\_duties/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/customs_duties/index_en.htm)

**\*\*\*Cyber Monday Takes A Back Seat** ..... as China State Post Bureau's latest statistics show that in the shopping spree on the Nov. 11 pop culture entertaining holiday "Singles' Day" (always on 11/11) the anti-Valentine's Day where bachelors and bachelorettes celebrate single life, couriers in the country handled more than 60 million parcels, marking a dramatic upswing of 170% compared to the peak of 35 million pieces handled on the same day in 2012, Xinhua reports. Eighty per cent of the 180 million parcels comes from transaction on e-tailers Taobao and Tmall, which surged 85% year on year. This year, online sales from

the holiday are forecast to hit around US\$5Bn, according to China Market Research Group, 20% higher than 2012. This compares to US\$1.5Bn in U.S. sales during Cyber Monday - which falls on the first Monday after Thanksgiving Day - last year, which are expected to touch nearly US\$2.3Bn this year, according to Adobe.

### **What Is Singles Day?**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singles\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singles_Day)

**\*\*\*Will Amazon.com Save The Mail?** ..... as it has a new partnership with the U.S. Postal Service to deliver online orders from the world's largest Internet retailer on Sunday for the first time. The service started this month in the Los Angeles and New York metropolitan areas and Amazon plans to expand it to a large portion of the U.S. population in 2014, including Dallas, Houston, New Orleans and Phoenix. Amazon is not charging extra for the new service, so members of the company's popular Prime service will be able to buy products on Friday and get them by Sunday for free. The service also applies to non-Prime members, who can get free five to eight-day shipping on orders of at least US\$35 (up from US\$25 previously). Amazon has been spending billions of dollars building new warehouses around the world so it can deliver products more quickly. The company hopes that adding Sunday as a delivery option will generate more sales.

### **Watch The Video**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHhs1Zgtyhw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHhs1Zgtyhw)

**\*\*\*UPS Joins ABF, DHL & YRC** ..... as it will raise its rates on average 4.9% for package and airfreight delivery, effective Dec. 30. The rate increase covers ground services, UPS air and international services, UPS said in a statement. DHL Express announced a 3.9% average price increase for U.S. account holders, effective Jan. 2, 2014. The company said it adjusted its prices taking into account inflation and rising costs. In June, YRC Freight, ABF Freight System and UPS Freight announced 5.9% rate increases, continuing a trend of accelerating the timing of rate adjustments. UPS Freight said its increase also is being applied to LTL shipments if a single load was so large that it filled a trailer and no other freight could be accommodated.

**\*\*\*IANA Driver Vehicle Examination Report Service** ..... as the Intermodal Assn. of North America has announced release of its new Driver Vehicle Examination Report (DVER) Notification Service. The new service provides an efficient method for Intermodal Equipment Providers (IEPs) and Motor Carriers to be notified that a DVER has been issued on intermodal equipment, as well as e-mail delivery and ongoing web portal access to a "physical" copy of the Intermodal Equipment Provider Report, page 2 of the DVER. To accomplish this, an interface connection between the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and IANA has been established in order for FMCSA to transmit copies of the DVER IEP Report electronically to IANA.

### **Driver Vehicle Examination Report**

[www.intermodal.org/assets/docs/dverflier.pdf](http://www.intermodal.org/assets/docs/dverflier.pdf)

IANA

[www.intermodal.org/](http://www.intermodal.org/)

### **Auto Club Warning Not to Use E15 Gas in Your Car Or Truck**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceW9Nc1hVHU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceW9Nc1hVHU)

### **The Most Expensive U.S. Import In 2012**

On a per kilo basis, it was over US\$1.3M for a gold/silver plated wristwatch (HTS Code [9102113030](#))...That brings a whole new meaning to the phrase spending time.

**\*\*\*Thanking The U.S. Transportation Industry For World Time** ..... as in this month in 1883, the ancestor of today's familiar U.S. time zones first appeared at the initiative of the American Railway Association. A schoolteacher named Charles Dowd is credited with first proposing the notion of time zones as early as 1863 in order to rationalize railroad timetables, there being 80 time standards then in use by U.S. localities alone. Keeping track of schedules was a mess, resulting in many problems such as collisions and deaths. There was wide but incomplete acceptance of the railway association's zones, and the adjusted zones were not made law until 1918. In 1884, delegates from 25 nations met in Washington, D.C. and established a standard system of 24 time zones around the world. The prime meridian was set at Greenwich, England, and the international dateline in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Making timepieces is just under a billion dollars a year business in the U.S., employing 2,600 people.

**Splitting Two Volvo Cargo Carriers** ..... the now viral video you must see. Volvo swears there has been no trick photography.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7Flvfx5J10](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7Flvfx5J10)

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## **2. The Cargo Letter** Financial Page \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings. DOWN** as Q3 profits are down 16.7% to US\$28M.

**\*\*CMA CGM. DOWN** with a 430% fall in third quarter net profit to US\$70M year on year, drawn on revenues of US\$4.1Bn, up 1.4%.

**\*\*Damco. DOWN** with a 47% decline in third quarter operating profit to US\$23M year on year.

**\*\*Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering. UP** with a 62.1% year-on-year third quarter net profit increase to US\$86.5M.

**\*\*EI Al Airlines. UP** with US\$643.29M in revenue, up 6% or US\$37.52M from the corresponding quarter - the highest in 5 years

**\*\*Hanjin Shipping. DOWN** with a 3rd quarter net loss of US\$297.26M.

**\*\*Hapag-Lloyd. DOWN** with a 15% decline in pre-tax third quarter profit to US\$82M.

**\*\*JAL. DOWN** as Q3 profit declines 17.8% to US\$800M despite 4% revenue

rise.

**\*\*LATAM Airlines.** UP with 3rd quarter net profit of US\$52M, compared to a loss of US\$49M during the same period last year when hit by weakness in its Brazilian market.

**\*\*Lufthansa Cargo.** DOWN with a 55.8% year-on-year decline in net profit in the 1st nine months of 2013 to US\$47.1M

**\*\*Maersk Group.** UP as it came out of 3 quarter with a profit of US\$6.7Bn , up from US\$5.6Bn in the same period last year.

**\*\*YRC Worldwide.** DOWN as operating income fell from US\$27.3M to US\$5.8M year-over-year.

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**OUR "B" Section: FF World Air News\*\*\***

### **3. Freight Forwarder World Air Briefs \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\*\*Now The World's Largest Airline .....** as American Airlines and US Airways Group have settled the litigation brought by the U.S. Dept. of Justice (DOJ), the States of Arizona, Florida, Michigan and Tennessee, the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia, and the District of Columbia challenging the merger of American and US Airways. The companies also announced an agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) related to small community service from Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA). Under the terms of the settlement, the airlines will divest 52 slot pairs at Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA) and 17 slot pairs at New York LaGuardia Airport (LGA), as well as certain gates and related facilities to support service at those airports.[i] The airlines also will divest two gates and related support facilities at each of Boston Logan International Airport, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Dallas Love Field, Los Angeles Int'l Airport and Miami Int'l Airport. The divestitures will occur through a DOJ approved process following the completion of the merger. Despite the divestitures, the new American is still expected to generate more than US\$1Bn in annual net synergies beginning in 2015, as was estimated when the merger was announced in February. In the settlement agreement with the state Attorneys General, the new American has agreed to maintain its hubs in Charlotte, New York (Kennedy), Los Angeles, Miami, Chicago (O'Hare), Philadelphia and Phoenix, consistent with historical operations for a period of three years.

**\*\*\*Significant Changes To IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations .....** as IATA has released a summary of the main changes to the 55th edition of their Dangerous Goods Regulations, effective 1 January 2014, replacing last year's edition. The 55th edition incorporates all amendments made by the IATA Dangerous Goods Board and includes corrigenda and addenda issued after the 54th edition was published. The list is not exhaustive and is merely a tool to assist users to identify the main changes introduced in the new edition. Beside changes to various requirements for lithium batteries and radioactive material, etc., a new Appendix has been added, Appendix H, to provide details of changes

coming into effect 1 January 2015 based on the adoption of changes arising from the 18th revised edition of the UN Model Regulations, as well as the changes that have been agreed to date by the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel for inclusion in the 2015/2016 Technical Instructions.

### **Main Changes To IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations**

[www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Documents/Significant%20Changes%20to%20055th%20DGR-EN%20\(20130901\).pdf](http://www.iata.org/whatwedo/cargo/dgr/Documents/Significant%20Changes%20to%20055th%20DGR-EN%20(20130901).pdf)

**\*\*\*As Electronics Minaturize -- So Do Freighter Lines** ..... as Taiwan's Eva Airways will reduce its freighter fleet by more than a third as electronic products become smaller as handheld devices diminish demand for PCs and laptops, says Eva president Austin Cheng. "I think this will be a trend for everybody because it's very difficult to find cargo to fill a freighter," Mr Cheng said. The carrier plans to cut the number of cargo planes, including all six of its MD-11s, to fewer than 10 from 15 by 2017, he said. As consumers desert desktops for smartphones from Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics, Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific said peak cargo demand kicked in later than usual this season and wasn't as strong as expected. "Apple not only changed consumers' pattern, but also changed air cargo transportation," Mr. Cheng said. "Electronic products are becoming smaller, while we charge by weight. The whole pattern for cargo transportation has changed." Eva Air plans to boost the number of passenger planes it operates to 70 in five years, from 61 now, he said. Bloomberg reported that Weekly cargo revenue was 25% lower than it was three years ago.

**\*\*\*December 2 Approaches** ..... as the U.S. second largest package shipping giant FedEx is predicting an increase of 13% year on year to 22 million shipments on December 2, doubling its busiest day 6 years ago, which will be predominately online retailer shipments.

**\*\*\*Airbus Hits Superjumbo Setback** ..... as Air France-KLM Group said it's exploring plans to drop orders for A380 superjumbos, in a possible blow for it's flagship model that's losing favour with customers from Australia to the U.K. Air France-KLM chief executive officer Alexandre de Juniac said the French carrier may swap some A380s already deferred to 2016 for other models. The airline had ordered 12 double-deckers and taken delivery of nine by the end of September. Another model is due for handover in 2014. Airbus's inability to find buyers for its largest plane mirror Boeing Co.'s difficulties with its 747-8 jumbo. The U.S. manufacturer has cut output for a second time this year amid weak demand, and the Chicago-based plane maker will build only 1.5 aircraft each month through 2015, it said Oct. 19. Airbus has open production slots as early as 2015 for the A380, which has a list price of US\$403.8M.

### **Read More About The A380**

[www.google.com/url?q=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airbus\\_A380&sa=U&ei=BAGUUrTQAsT6oASWwIC4Dg&ved=0CB0QFjAA&usg=AFQjCNENse2NU8CWsBnK5TEgtX3DXUdVAw](http://www.google.com/url?q=http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airbus_A380&sa=U&ei=BAGUUrTQAsT6oASWwIC4Dg&ved=0CB0QFjAA&usg=AFQjCNENse2NU8CWsBnK5TEgtX3DXUdVAw)

**\*\*\*Dreamliner Has More Nightmares .....** as in its latest series of mishaps, the windshield of a Air India Boeing 787 cracked as the plane landed at Melbourne airport on Nov. 4, though there was no threat to about 100 people on board, airline officials said. Air India's local manager Madhu C Mathen said the windshield of the aircraft which landed at Melbourne this morning suffered damage and a new one was being brought in the next day's flight. "The new windshield will be fixed and the aircraft will be ready soon," he said, adding that the passengers were adjusted in other flights for their onward journey. AI-311 was operating from Delhi to Sydney via Melbourne with around 80 passengers and 12 crew members. Beginning Dec., all 10 Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft in Air India's fleet will undergo a software upgrade, a process the airline says will not lead to the planes being grounded for long. "Software upgrade is a continuous process," said the spokesman, adding the upgraded software will be installed when the aircraft are on the ground for two-to-three days for regular maintenance checks.

**\*\*\*Boeing Ramps Up The 737 .....**as it announced that production on the 737 program will increase to 47 airplanes per month in 2017, the highest rate ever for the airliner in history. Once implemented, the 737 program will build more than 560 airplanes per year, and will have increased output by nearly 50% since 2010. Boeing now produces 38 airplanes per month from its Renton, Wash., factory and will increase the rate to 42 per month in the first half of 2014. First delivery of the 737 MAX is on track for the third quarter of 2017.

**\*\*\*Boeing's New 777X Getting A Lot of Attention .....** as its composite wing with folding tips and its super-efficient engines are forward looking. However, one of the airliner's most innovative features are the tiny holes in its tail that smooth airflow and improve fuel efficiency. The holes help smooth airflow around the tail by improving something called laminar flow, basically making the airplane more aerodynamic, which reduces fuel consumption. "Aerodynamic advances such as a hybrid laminar flow control vertical tail," are the few words Boeing used to describe it in a press release announcing the 777X, Boeing's impressive updating of its long-range twin-engine airliner. Boeing is working with NASA to further develop the idea to include "sweeping jet actuators" embedded in the tail of future models. Such advancements in airflow manipulation could bring significant fuel savings.

**Learn More About The Boeing &&&X**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing\\_777X](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_777X)

**\*\*\*Lufthansa Cargo's second Boeing 777F.....** as Air Cargo News FlyingTypers reports the big hangar at Frankfurt was packed with about 1,800 people on Nov. 20, including staff, customers, press, and guests .Then slowly, slowly, the giant doors opened to reveal the big, beautiful, newly created airplane, which Lufthansa Cargo has named "Good Day, USA," as it began moving silently into the building. The B777F advanced to the cadence of drummers, adding richness and drama as Lufthansa Cargo ushered in a new era

in grand style. For those who wonder, after such a big entrance, what the airplane can do for an encore, Lufthansa Cargo CEO Karl Ulrich Garnadt added to the epic debut, declaring: "The Boeing 777F is not only the most powerful, efficient, and ecological freighter in the world, but also a highly visible symbol of our 'Lufthansa Cargo 2020' future program," he declared. Lufthansa Cargo's second Boeing 777F will be delivered at the end of November. Two further jets will follow in the first half of 2014 and a fifth in 2015. As you read this, while Europe is sleeping, Lufthansa's B777F is winging its way across the Atlantic Ocean on its first regular service flight into Atlanta, where it will be greeted by yet another welcoming celebratory group.

**\*\*\*Global Aviation Holdings Falters** ..... as the largest commercial provider of charter air transportation for the U.S. military has again filed for bankruptcy protection, just months after emerging out of its prior reorganisation process. The company had previously filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2012 to achieve "industry competitiveness" by cutting costs and debt load. It emerged from the bankruptcy in February this year, according to Reuters. As part of the current Chapter 11 process, the company said it is taking "steps to align its cost structure with the realities of market demand." Global Aviation said the continued worldwide downturn in commercial freight markets along with the US military's decision to curtail its cargo expansion flying has made it necessary for it to file for the court supervised reorganisation process. In a court filing, the air transport company said the military's decision would reduce the charter provider's planned revenue for 2014 by about US\$54M and will create "significant over-capacity in the military charter cargo business." Global Aviation said it expects to cut about 16 per cent of jobs over the next 90 days.

#### **Global Aviation Holdings**

[www.glah.com/](http://www.glah.com/)

**\*\*\*TNT Express Builds It's Own Road** ..... as the delivery giant has begun construction of its new road and air hub at Dammam's King Fahd Int'l Airport (KFIA) in Saudi Arabia that will quintuple the size of its space when it opens in January 2015. When complete, the US\$12.9M Dammam site will become TNT Express' flagship clearance gateway in the country, providing 4,800 square meters of sorting and customs clearance space within a 10,000-square meter building.

**\*\*\*Volumes >>>** AirBridgeCargo Airlines (ABC) carried 92,000 tons of cargo in the 3rd quarter of 2013 across its network linking Europe, Asia, Russia and North America, up 3% compared to the same period last year.>>> Air China's latest announced operating figures show that the carrier recorded a freight transport volume of 127,300 tons in Oct., which remained at the same level as in the same month in the prior year.>>> Berlin Airports reported a 23.7% year-on-year increase in cargo in Oct. to 3,657 tons, despite a 2.5% decrease in aircraft movements. >>> Cathay Pacific Airways and sister airline Dragonair combined carried 137,300 tons of cargo and mail in October, a decrease of 0.9% compared

to the same month last year. >>>Dubai Int'l Airport has reported a Sept. cargo volume increase of 1.8% to 196,823 tons while aircraft movements increased 10.2% to 30,746.

**\*\*\*The Gator In Terminal Three** .....as a small alligator found under an escalator at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport has left authorities puzzled. A maintenance worker discovered the alligator, which is about a foot long, on Nov. 22 in Terminal 3, Chicago Police spokesman Jose Estrada said Nov. 3. An officer captured the reptile by putting a trash can over it. "We don't know where it came from or how long it'd been residing in the airport facilities," Estrada said. "It's one of those random incidents." The gator is now being cared for by the Chicago Herpetological Society. "It was in pretty bad shape," said Jason Hood, the group's president. "We're trying to get it healthy and find a place for it." He said the gator would likely head to an out-of-state alligator farm once authorities give the organization the all-clear to release the animal. No one was injured.

**\*\*\*Landing At The Wrong Airport** .....as the National Transportation Safety Board has opened an investigation into a Dreamlifter custom freighter landing at a wrong airport. The Boeing 747 landed at Colonel James Jabara Airport on Nov. 20 night. It was scheduled to land at McConnell Air Force Base, although it is unclear why the pilots landed at another airport nine miles away. Peter Knudson, NTSB Spokesman, said the agency is investigating to better understand the circumstances that led to the incident. "Determine if there are any issues that can be addressed to improve the safety of the system," Knudson said in an email. The Dreamlifter sat at Jabara's 6,100-foot runway overnight while waiting for clearance to take off. Boeing pilots took off from KAAO around 1:15 p.m. on Nov. 22 without incident. The plane landed at its original destination a few minutes later. Boeing contracts with Atlas Air to fly the airplane. A spokeswoman for Atlas Air says the company is also investigating the incident.

**See Video of The Incident**

[www.kwch.com/news/local-news/boeing-dreamlifter-lands-at-jabara/-/21054266/23081256/-/oma90hz/-/index.html](http://www.kwch.com/news/local-news/boeing-dreamlifter-lands-at-jabara/-/21054266/23081256/-/oma90hz/-/index.html)

The Boeing 747 Large Cargo Freighter

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing\\_747\\_Large\\_Cargo\\_Freighter](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_747_Large_Cargo_Freighter)

**\*\*\*British Airways' Digital Billboard Identifies Planes As They Pass Overhead** .....cool video

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtJx\\_pZjvzc&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtJx_pZjvzc&feature=player_embedded)

**\*\*\*Golden Load** ..... as cleaners found a stash of 24 gold bars worth more than US\$1.1M hidden in an airplane lavatory after a flight from Bangkok arrived in eastern India, officials said Nov. 20. The Jet Airways plane had landed in Kolkata and was being cleaned before a scheduled flight to Patna when the cleaners found two bags with the gold stashed inside, Customs official Mona Priyadarshini said. Priyadarshini said the gold bars weighed around 1 kilogram each. Customs officials confiscated the stash and are investigating. India is one

of the world's biggest consumers of gold. The government increased the gold import duty recently, which officials say has encouraged smuggling.

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**OUR "C" Section: FF World Ocean News\*\*\***

#### **4. FF World Ocean Briefs**

**\*\*\*Nigerian Pirates Up Their Rates** ..... as they have escalated average ransom sums of US\$50,000-US\$100,000 to US\$2M for the release of two U.S. hostages, the master and chief engineer of the 3,286 dwt [M/V C-Retriever](#), an offshore supply vessel, according to press reports of statements from rebel group Mend. The ransom payout is more money than any other West African pirate group has made, said C-Level Maritime Risks founder Michael Frodl, reported Lloyds List. Mend said Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency, Nimsa paid most of the money. Although the hijacking off Brass, Nigeria ended in the release of U.S. crew, it has meant other Americans operating in the West Africa area are at high risk, added Mr. Frodl. Nimsa and U.S. Dept. of State have been unavailable to comment on whether a ransom was paid, added the report.

#### **Maritime TV: Piracy In The Gulf of Guinea**

[www.piracydaily.com/maritime-tv-piracy-mitigation-strategies-episode-g-marauders-gulf-guinea/](http://www.piracydaily.com/maritime-tv-piracy-mitigation-strategies-episode-g-marauders-gulf-guinea/)

**\*\*\*U.S. Cabotage Laws Too Costly?** ....as banning all but U.S. flagged vessels from the market is getting increasingly costly for U.S. consumers, says a recent paper from London's Drewry Maritime Research. Such bans make transshipment between U.S. ports expensive, discouraging the development of a feeder industry, which is increasingly important in the age of mega ships and development of hub ports. "News that Matson has ordered two 3,600-TEU vessels from Aker Philadelphia Shipyard in the U.S. for US\$209M each underlines the possibility that U.S. flag protectionism is an increasingly expensive luxury," said Drewry. "Comparable vessels could be built in Asia for less than a fifth of that," Drewry added, pointing out Matson's last order for four 2,890-TEU vessels cost four times more than the market price. Add to that, the stipulation that U.S. flagged ships must be manned by a crew which is at least 75% American. With maritime wage inflation for container vessels between 2,000-3,000 TEU that is a 31% cost increase, according to Drewry's Ship Operating Costs 2012/13 report, up to US\$2,306 a day. "U.S. consumers will be concerned at the high price of protecting U.S. domestic or coastal traffic for U.S. flag ship, particularly at a time when even China, one of the most state-controlled countries in the world today, is beginning to have second thoughts," said the Drewry report. China has recently announced plans to open its cabotage trade to foreign flagged ships if they are owned by Chinese companies. "Most coastal container moves between EU ports can now be carried out at a free in-and-out rate of less than US\$75 per TEU without flag protectionism. Anyone can play the game, and many increasingly do between such regions as the UK and continental Europe, and between continental Europe and the Baltic. A third of the container traffic

handled in Rotterdam, Europe's largest port, consisted of feeder and short-sea cargo last year, for example," said the report. Others have noted that Canada has sought to take advantage of U.S. protectionism by developing deep water Halifax as a hub port for mega ships while the smaller Jones Act carriers handle the cabotage feeders along the U.S. eastern seaboard.

### **Read More About Drewry Maritime Research**

[www.drewry.co.uk/](http://www.drewry.co.uk/)

### **What Are Cabotage Laws?**

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cabotage>

**\*\*\*China Cabotage Loosens, But Not Really** ..... as formal liberalization of regulations for cargo moving to and from Shanghai is expected to have a limited effect for the port's transshipment activity, according to London's Drewry Maritime Research. While the new law allows foreign flagged vessels to join in the coastal trade, only those foreign-registered vessels that have to have Chinese owners enjoy such rights. This, said Drewry, is less a "relaxation" than bringing cabotage rules into line to what is happening in practice. Nor does the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone represent much change, as it only adds to existing Free Trade Zones in Shanghai's Yangshan port and Pudong airport.

**\*\*\*ECNA Container Volume Up** ..... as traffic from Asia to the East Coast of North America (ECNA) continued to grow in September to 382,000 TEU, bringing the total for the peak season quarter up to 1.14 million TEU, an 18% increase year on year. Drewry Maritime Research analysts also reported that year to date, volume increase was up 10%, much better than the west coast's 3% increase. Drewry also noted that the east coast's proportion of the whole trade from Asia to North America reached 26.7% between January and Sept., compared to 25.2% for the whole of 2012. Reasons are unclear but Drewry suggests it relates to ocean carriers' improved service via the Suez Canal and higher transcontinental inland transport costs from west coast.

**\*\*\*P3 Draws More Critics** ..... as the Asian Shippers Council (ASC) says the mega alliance of Maersk, MSC and CMA CGM is too big and will bring with it greater market volatility. The ASC said P3 would be far bigger than any other alliance in terms of the number of ships, size of ships' sailing frequency and port coverage, and could accelerate the demise of smaller players, which would increase market volatility. "Such a concentration of capacity is untenable," said ASC chairman John Lu. "We fear the worst should the regulatory authorities give its approval. With fewer service providers, we can only imagine what effect this will have on freight rates and service levels." The ASC said the problem could be exacerbated if competitors tried to match the P3 Network by ordering larger ships and expanding fleet sizes. That would worsen the supply-demand imbalance and "bring about price wars and rate volatility".

### **Exactly What Is The P3 Alliance?**

<http://shippingwatch.com/carriers/article6210017.ece>

**\*\*\*Port of Lazaro Cardenas Under Arms .....** as the Mexican armed forces have taken charge of security in the major cargo hub on the Pacific in a part of the country struggling to contain violent drug gangs. The government said on Monday that units of the army, navy and federal police were moving in to oversee access to and around Lazaro Cardenas, one of Mexico's principal gateways to trade with Asia on the southern flank of Michoacan state. Lazaro Cardenas handles the largest volume of general cargo of any Mexican port, according to the Mexican tax office.

#### **Read More About The Port Situation**

[www.cnn.com/2013/11/05/world/americas/mexico-troops-to-port/](http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/05/world/americas/mexico-troops-to-port/)

**\*\*\*Panama Canal Behind Schedule .....**as its completion date of the locks on the Pacific side of the canal has been postponed until June 2015, said the Panama Canal Authority, having previously said all would be done in April 2015. The delay was caused by a re-evaluation and modification of the logistics and duration of the locks' electromechanical works, the Panama Canal Authority said, reports Newark's Journal of Commerce. Had the locks been completed next April they would have been opened to commercial traffic in mid-2015. The agency had planned to test its own transits between April and mid-2015. Owing to the delay, the locks will likely be opened to merchant shipping in the second half of 2015 following the required transit testing period. As for the locks on the Atlantic side of the Canal, they are still scheduled for completion in March 2015.

#### **Panama Canal -- Video Flyover of The New Locks**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcHUnT7Vgl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcHUnT7Vgl)

**\*\*\*Miami Gets Deeper .....** as the long-awaited dredge of the port began last week as it and other cities up and down the east coast scramble to prepare for the massive ships that will pass through the Panama Canal when expansion work there is completed in 2015. "The investment in the deep dredge will pay dividends in years to come," Port Director Bill Johnson said in a news release on Nov. 21, announcing the commencement of the 18-month project, "making Florida an even more powerful player in the global marketplace." The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing the US\$220M dredge, which will deepen the harbor's depth to 50 feet, allowing it to handle the larger "Post-Panamax" ships that can carry two or three times the load of standard freighters. Miami is the only port south of Norfolk, Virginia, with congressional authorization to dredge to 50 feet. Other cities such as Charleston, Savannah and New Orleans are rushing to get billions of dollars of projects funded and underway in time for the opening. Overall, U.S. seaports that together handle 95% of America's overseas trade volume are plowing about US\$46Bn into capital projects between 2012 and 2016, a level which dwarfs the US\$501M annual average between 1946 and 2001, according to Wells Fargo Securities analyst Randy Gerardes. The deep dredge of New York Harbor is slated to wrap by 2014, as the New York/New Jersey Port Authority set aside US\$1Bn to raise the Bayonne Bridge to 64 feet so the large vessels can pass underneath. The Port of Baltimore recently completed work on one berth that can accommodate the larger ships.

**\*\*\*Larger Vessels Impact Port Productivity & Output** ..... as terminal productivity is never more important than the current climate of bigger vessels, slow steaming and higher bunker costs, said APM Terminals CEO Kim Fejfer, stressing the need for speed and efficiency in carriers' networks. "If you have to offload 4,000 TEU rather than 2,000 TEU then obviously the port stay will be longer," said Mr Fejfer, forcing terminals to improve performance whether through technological advancements, increased equipment and/or labour costs. APMT reported a strong third quarter due in part to investment in yard improvements like its new container GPS system to trace containers position within a stack. But costs do arise from improvements and carriers need to share the burden with port operators, said Mr Fejfer. The supply chain as a whole is suffering from the pressure of larger containerships on intermodal services of road, rail and barge dealing with increasing box volumes. For ports, the number of vessels physically able to berth has been reduced, with one mega ship taking up two 300-metre berths. While crane can cope with increased volumes, the number of vessels at a terminal at any one time is down. The advent of the P3 alliance of three major carriers, APMT sister company Maersk Line, Mediterranean Shipping Co and CMA CGM, will present a major network to handle 255 vessels and around 2.6 million TEU. APMT said the impact of the P3 network on its terminals is unknown with more than 50% of its volumes generated by non-Maersk carriers. APM Terminals (APMT) Rotterdam Maasvlakte will retrofit five of the terminal's postpanamax cranes to span 23 container rows - rather than 22 - to accommodate 18,000-TEUs. Retrofitting involves engineering and software adjustments expected to be completed in time for the arrival of the 18,000-TEU [M/V Marie Maersk](#), which is to arrive in Rotterdam on Dec. 6 on the weekly Asia/North Europe AE10 service. "We are continuously anticipating and adapting to our customers' needs to provide industry - leading efficiency and productivity," said APMT European portfolio manager Ben Vree. The world's first 18,000-TEU vessel, the [M/V Maersk Mc-Kinney Moller](#), made its maiden call to APM Terminals Rotterdam in August.

**Read More About APM Terminals**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/APM\\_Terminals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/APM_Terminals)

**\*\*\*Bounty Hunters** ..... as shipping lines that bring additional containers to the Port of Los Angeles will be rewarded under a first-of-its-kind incentive programme being launched by the Los Angeles Board of Harbour Commissioners in 2014. Under the program, a carrier will be paid US\$5 per TEU for each additional container it ships through the port in 2014 over its volumes this year. If a carrier's container volume grows by 100,000 TEU or more compared to the previous 12-month period, it will receive US\$15 per TEU for every extra container. The payments will be awarded in a lump-sum form in early 2015, reported Washington-based DC Velocity. Port staff will monitor the programme each month to assess its effectiveness and to determine if it should be extended beyond the first year. The plan is to counteract adverse shipping patterns, such as the greater deployment of mega-ships, which will call on fewer

ports per voyage and the opening of the expanded Panama Canal that may divert cargo from Los Angeles.

**\*\*\*Qingdao Explosion** .....as all vessels in the harbor were ordered out to sea after a pipeline explosion killed 35 and injured 166 people on Nov. 24. Incoming ships were diverted to outer anchorages while vessel calls cancelled. The explosion occurred after a leaking oil pipeline caught fire, reported GAC Hot Port News. Workers were repairing the pipeline at the time of the explosion.

**\*\*\*Avoidable Loss** ..... as cargo handling accidents at south Asia ports could be avoided because 82% of insurance claims result from operational shortcomings or poor equipment maintenance, says TT Club's Asia Pacific director Phillip Emmanuel. Analysis of insurance claims received by the transport underwriter TT Club over the past seven years show an overwhelming frequency of avoidable accidents resulting in bodily injury, damage to property, equipment and cargo. TT Club has seen 236 quay crane boom to ship collisions in the past seven years worth US\$15M. Investment in crane boom as well as mobile equipment anti-collision sensors and container weight and load eccentricity detection devices will pay off the initial installation cost through future savings on damage repair and operational downtime.

**\*\*\*Stack Collapse** ..... as a stevedore was killed when he was crushed and another man was severely injured by three falling containers at Hongkong Int'l Terminal at Kwai Chung last week. The dead man was sitting in the back of a light goods van when three of the six stacked containers fell onto the vehicle after being accidentally hit by a mobile yard crane. One man was pronounced dead on the scene, while the driver suffered head injuries and was rushed to hospital, said a report. The yard crane that caused the accident mistakenly moved towards the container stack, the circumstances of which are now under investigation.

**\*\*\*Throughput** >>> Port of Hamburg, handled two million TEU in the 3rd quarter up to the end of Sept., a rise of 6.3% year on year attributed to increasing Baltic feeder traffic. >>> **Port of Long Beach** container volume in Oct. increased 8.7% year on year as the annual peak season drew to a close with a monthly tally of 576,502 TEU, while in the first 10 months of 2013, box volume increased 13.2% with imports rising 15.2% more imports and 10.9% more exports with empties rising 11,1%.. >>>**Port of Los Angeles** has posted a 4.76% decline in Oct. volume to 684,207 TEU year on year while the rival San Pedro Bay **Port of Long Beach** reported an 8.7% rise to 576,502 TEU in the same period. >>> **Port of Virginia** has posted a 17.8% year-on-year volume increase in Oct. to 206,597 TEU, which also represents this year's monthly record, overtaking July's 205,137 TEU.

**\*\*\*This Month In U.S. Navy History**  
1776 - Captain John Paul Jones in Alfred with brig [Providence](#) captures British

transport [Mellish](#), carrying winter uniforms later used by Washington's troops.  
1942 - Although U.S. lost several ships in Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, Naval Force under Rear Admiral Willis Lee, [USS Washington](#) (BB-56), turns back Japanese transports trying to reinforce Guadalcanal. The Japanese never again try to send large naval forces to Guadalcanal.

1942 - Loss of [USS Juneau](#) (CL 52) during Battle of Guadalcanal results in loss of the five Sullivan Brothers.

1943 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt embarks on [USS Iowa](#) (BB 61) to go to the Allied conferences at Teheran, Iran, and Cairo, Egypt.

1960 - First Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine, [USS George Washington](#) (SSBN-598), leaves Charleston, S.C., on initial fleet ballistic missile patrol.

**\*\*\*November 11** ..... as the date marked the 38th anniversary of the sinking of the [SS Edmund Fitzgerald](#), the Great Lakes freighter that sank in a strong gale on eastern Lake Superior resulting in the loss of all 29 of its crew. The 1975 sinking remains the Great Lakes regions most famous and mysterious maritime disaster.

**\*\*\*China Finally Acts** ..... as the PRC is sending a state-of-the-art hospital ship to the Philippines following criticism that it was slow and stingy in its response to one of the world's biggest typhoons, which killed at least 5,000 people. The Foreign Ministry in Beijing confirmed on 19 Nov. the deployment of the 14,000-ton "Peace Ark" as state television reported the arrival of the first batch of Chinese relief supplies in the Philippines. China, the world's second-largest economy, initially announced it was giving only US\$200,000. The US\$1.6M in aid it later pledged to its neighbor was less than the check written by Swedish furniture store Ikea.

**Read More About "Peace Ark" - A Type 920 Hospital Ship**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Type\\_920\\_hospital\\_ship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Type_920_hospital_ship)

**\*\*\*Singapore Floats Away** ..... as an iceberg which is almost one and a half times the size of Singapore has broken away from the west coast of Antarctica. It is currently drifting north. If the giant iceberg continues in the same direction , it will be a major threat to international shipping in the area. The giant iceberg broke off Pine Island Glacier 4 months ago, but is only now beginning to move into the open waters. Initially the winter weather in the area prevented the iceberg from coming out into the open waters , but this week it was clear. The iceberg measures according to NASA, about 35 times 20 kilometers. It happens on average only about every two years, that such large icebergs break off. An iceberg this size is so slow to melt, it can be a threat to shipping in a year or maybe even more. British researchers will try to follow its course to warn ships in the waters if they are in danger of colliding with the giant iceberg

**\*\*\*USS Zumwalt Is Stealthy & Futuristic** ..... as it's the first U.S.surface warship to use electric propulsion, and its power plant is capable of producing enough electricity to light up a small city and to power future weapons like the

electromagnetic rail gun. The Navy's largest destroyer will feature a composite deckhouse with hidden radar and sensors and an angular shape that minimizes its radar signature. Its unusual wave-piercing hull will reduce the ship's wake. So futuristic is the design that many refer to the vessel as something right out of "Star Trek." Inside, it's just as unique. The number of sailors needed to stand watch will be reduced through the use of cameras and video monitors which show what's going on outside. The bridge will indeed look like something from "Star Trek" with two chairs surrounded by nearly 360 degrees of video monitors. The 610-foot-long ship has the highest level of automation on a U.S. surface warship, with systems in place to combat flooding and to put out fires, among other things. Because of automation and technology, the number of sailors needed to run it will be nearly half the current Arleigh Burke-class destroyers. Given all the comparisons with "Star Trek," it may come as no surprise that the first skipper of the stealthy Zumwalt is Navy Capt. James Kirk, and yes, he's used to the jokes about the name he shares with the TV starship commander played by actor William Shatner. No, you can't make this stuff up!

**See More of USS Zumwalt**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Zumwalt\\_\(DDG-1000\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Zumwalt_(DDG-1000))

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbeL4Gg4\\_A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbeL4Gg4_A)

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#### 5. [The Cargo Letter](#) Cargo Damage Dispatches

**\*\*Back By Popular Demand\*\***

**We're sorry**, but there were so many sinkings, explosions, pirate attacks, fires, cargo mishaps, battles on the water & other disasters at sea that we do not have room to print even the highlights this month. **Many people lost their lives at sea this month!!**

But you can read all this month's disaster news at our special Internet web feature which provides full details of each event -- our **Vessel Casualties & Pirate Activity Database**. Bookmark the site and visit every day! Updated twice daily.

[www.cargolaw.com/presentations\\_casualties.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.html)

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please view the dramatic new pictures at our special "**Gallery of Cargo Loss**" website feature.

[www.cargolaw.com/gallery.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/gallery.html)

See our new feature for July 2009: "**Big Bunch 'O Black Barges - Beached**"

[www.cargolaw.com/2009nightmare\\_margaret.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/2009nightmare_margaret.html)

See our newest photo feature "**Singles Only**" - Transportation Disasters Told In A Single Photo!

[www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare\\_singles.only.html](http://www.cargolaw.com/2000nightmare_singles.only.html)

Daily Vessel Casualties ..... as we don't want you to miss the excitement of our

24 hour reports of the dramatic events at sea each day -- stories of casualties & pirates --- almost none of which are carried on your local news. Edited daily by **Christoph Wahner, Esq.** of **Countryman & McDaniel**.  
[www.cargolaw.com/presentations\\_casualties.php](http://www.cargolaw.com/presentations_casualties.php)

**NOTE:** The historic dangers of carriage by sea continue to be quite real. **Shippers must be encouraged** to purchase high quality marine cargo insurance from their **freight forwarder or customs broker**. It's dangerous out there.

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**OUR "D" Section: FF in Cyberspace\*\*\***  
**6. The Cargo Letter "Cyber Ports Of Call"**

Here are our suggested world wide web sites of the week for your business, your information and your amusement.....

**Cargo & Trade**>>>>>

Chamber of Shipping of America  
[/www.knowships.org/](http://www.knowships.org/)

Foreign Trade Regulations: Mandatory Automated Export System Final Rule  
[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-14/pdf/2013-05435.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-14/pdf/2013-05435.pdf)

Freightwatch Route Analysis Tool .....determine the level of risk for your high-value cargo on a designated route  
<https://route.freightwatchintl.com/>

Maritime TV: Piracy In The Gulf of Guinea  
[www.piracydaily.com/maritime-tv-piracy-mitigation-strategies-episode-g-marauders-gulf-guinea/](http://www.piracydaily.com/maritime-tv-piracy-mitigation-strategies-episode-g-marauders-gulf-guinea/)

New System For Entry To Switzerland – Do I Require A Visa?  
[www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt\\_einreise.htm](http://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt_einreise.htm)  
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Panama Canal -- Video Flyover of The New Locks  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcHUnT7VgI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcHUnT7VgI)

**Podcast: U.S. Supreme Court** ..... addressing the importance of being a vessel under maritime law.  
[www3.ambest.com/bestfeed/insurancelaw/Insurance\\_Law\\_Podcast\\_81.mp3](http://www3.ambest.com/bestfeed/insurancelaw/Insurance_Law_Podcast_81.mp3)

**Retracing the Trails of the Iron Horse**  
[www.inboundlogistics.com/cms/article/retracing-the-trails-of-the-iron-horse/](http://www.inboundlogistics.com/cms/article/retracing-the-trails-of-the-iron-horse/)

**U.S. Customs Rulings Online Search System (CROSS)** ..... a searchable database of CBP rulings that can be retrieved based on simple or complex search characteristics using keywords and Boolean operators. CROSS has the added functionality of CROSS referencing rulings from the initial search result set with their modified, revoked or referenced counterparts.

<http://rulings.cbp.gov/>

**U.S. - Morocco Trade Facilitation Agreement of 21 Nov. 2013**

[www.ustr.gov/press-office/press-releases/2013/November/US-Morocco-Trade-Facilitation-Agreement](http://www.ustr.gov/press-office/press-releases/2013/November/US-Morocco-Trade-Facilitation-Agreement)

**Video: Chamber of Shipping of America Environmental Achievement Awards**

[www.maritimetv.com/FeaturedContent/FeaturedVideos/TabId/251/VideoId/190/You-Are-Watching-Maritime-TV.aspx](http://www.maritimetv.com/FeaturedContent/FeaturedVideos/TabId/251/VideoId/190/You-Are-Watching-Maritime-TV.aspx)

**Video: Introducing the Boeing 777X**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fop6Qu2CN0E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fop6Qu2CN0E)

## **PRODUCTS**>>>>>>>>>>

**IATA and Stanford University's Center for Professional Development Advanced Executive Education For The Aviation Industry**

[http://stanford.edu/~veena14/cgi-bin/minisite\\_php\\_IATA/aviation-strategy-program/overview.php](http://stanford.edu/~veena14/cgi-bin/minisite_php_IATA/aviation-strategy-program/overview.php)

The Reluctant Pirate .....fast-paced thriller follows Abdi, a Somali boy brought up in the UK, as he is sucked into a pirate gang in Somalia.

[www.thereluctantpirate.com/](http://www.thereluctantpirate.com/)

**World Wall Maps for Logistics Companies**

[www.thewallmaps.com/](http://www.thewallmaps.com/)

## **EVENTS**>>>>>>>>>>

**Transport Events**

[www.transportevents.com/](http://www.transportevents.com/)

Trade Shows, Exhibitions, Conferences & Business Events Worldwide

[www.eventseye.com/](http://www.eventseye.com/)

World Trade Organization Events

[www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/meets.pdf](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/meets.pdf)

6th Optimising Port Development Conference ..... 4-5 Dec. 2013, London

[www.wplgroup.com/aci/conferences/eu-mpc6.asp](http://www.wplgroup.com/aci/conferences/eu-mpc6.asp)

Battleship USS Iowa -- 51st Annual Boat Parade ..... 7 Dec. 2013, Los Angeles Harbor

[www.pacificbattleship.com/](http://www.pacificbattleship.com/)

Asia Pacific Rail 2014 .....18-20 March 2014, Hong Kong

[www.terrapinn.com/conference/asia-pacific-rail/index.stm](http://www.terrapinn.com/conference/asia-pacific-rail/index.stm)

Battleship USS Iowa Veteran's Day ..... 9 Nov. 2013, Port of Los Angeles

<http://pacificbattleship.com/>

Cargo Logistics Canada Expo + Conference ..... 29-30 Jan. 2014, Vancouver, Canada

[www.bettermail.ca/ct/1177/763349/283687549/2c0a496742cce33fd448475cee6a9f38](http://www.bettermail.ca/ct/1177/763349/283687549/2c0a496742cce33fd448475cee6a9f38)

CNS Partnership Conference 2014 .....4-6 May 2014, San Antonio, Texas

[www.cnsc.net/events/Pages/cns-partnership-conference.aspx](http://www.cnsc.net/events/Pages/cns-partnership-conference.aspx)

IATA Legal Symposium 2014..... 23 - 25, Feb. 2014, San Francisco

[www.iata.org/events/Pages/legal-symposium.aspx](http://www.iata.org/events/Pages/legal-symposium.aspx)

IATA Passenger Terminal Expo 2014 .....25-27 March 2014, Barcelona

[www.passengerterminal-expo.com/](http://www.passengerterminal-expo.com/)

**Intermodal Asia 2014** .....1-3 April 2014, Shanghai World Expo Center, Shanghai

[www.intermodal-asia.com/](http://www.intermodal-asia.com/)

MODEX 2014 .....17-20 March 2014, Atlanta

[www.modexshow.com/](http://www.modexshow.com/)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) East Coast Trade Symposium .....March 6-7, 2014, Washington, DC

[www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade\\_outreach/2014\\_trade\\_symp/ts14\\_save\\_date.ctt/ts14\\_save\\_date.pdf](http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/trade/trade_outreach/2014_trade_symp/ts14_save_date.ctt/ts14_save_date.pdf)

World Cargo Symposium 2014 .....11-13 March, Hyatt Regency Century Plaza, Los Angeles

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdEaE-RkJmQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FdEaE-RkJmQ)

[https://ems.resrunner.com/worldcargo?j=238890&e=CargoLaw@aol.com&l=7676\\_HTML&u=7756312&mid=6194905&jb=0](https://ems.resrunner.com/worldcargo?j=238890&e=CargoLaw@aol.com&l=7676_HTML&u=7756312&mid=6194905&jb=0)

[Apps For That - iPhones & Droids>>>>>>>>>](#)

Roadify - Train, Subway, Bus, Ferry & Parking In A Strange City  
<https://itunes.apple.com/US/app/id395111132?mt=8>

**General Interest**>>>>>>>>>

**Affordable Care Act Website Finally Fixed** .....simply click on the "Apply Now" button to get started.  
<http://home.roadrunner.com/~pjrpole/ACA.html>

Amazing Lockheed Martin SR-72 -- The Space Blackbird  
<http://sploid.gizmodo.com/this-is-the-lockheed-martin-sr-72-the-spaceage-heir-of-1456730707>

Epic Video of New Zealand Fishermen Battling A Flood On The Grey River  
[www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=ByGSMmenPDM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ByGSMmenPDM)

Excellent A380 vs. Boeing 738 Size Comparison.  
<http://jetphotos.net/viewphoto.php?id=7704825&nseq=7>

Exclusive Images: Skydivers' Terrifying Collision And Chaotic Plunge  
[http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2013/11/04/21308806-exclusive-images-show-skydivers-terrifying-collision-and-chaotic-plunge?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/11/04/21308806-exclusive-images-show-skydivers-terrifying-collision-and-chaotic-plunge?lite)

Extreme Small Plane Lands On Freighter M/V Oceanic At Sea  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUdzVnZBaoY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUdzVnZBaoY)

GBU-57A/B Penetrator ..... now there's nowhere to hide  
[www.gizmag.com/massive-ordnance-penetrator-mop-gbu-57ab/20538/](http://www.gizmag.com/massive-ordnance-penetrator-mop-gbu-57ab/20538/)

**Got Paper?**  
[www.youtube.com/embed/V\\_gOZDWQj3Q?rel=0](http://www.youtube.com/embed/V_gOZDWQj3Q?rel=0)

Hitler finds Out Obamacare Will Not Let Him Keep His Doctor  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgqcra7el14](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgqcra7el14)

How Fast Can You Evacuate An A380 Superjumbo?  
<http://qz.com/145969/heres-the-most-amazing-part-of-flying-we-hope-youll-never-have-to-experience/>

New 139.072 ton [M/V MSC Divina](#)  
[www.msccruises.com/gl\\_en/Ships/MSC-Divina.aspx](http://www.msccruises.com/gl_en/Ships/MSC-Divina.aspx)

NY Waterway Ferries Fit Video Surveillance System  
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**7. New U.S. Transport Related Legal Cases \_\_\_\_\_**

***Qbe Ins. v. EVA Airways Corp.***

19 April 2013, U.S. District Court Northern California  
LEXIS 67129, N.D.C.A. cv 13-0279

Cargo underwriters' subrogation rights in jeopardy for air cargo...as the United States District Court for the Northern District of California held earlier this year that a subrogating cargo insurance company has no standing under the Montreal Convention to bring legal action. The Court ruled that pursuant to Convention language, only parties appearing on the air waybill as consignor or consignee have standing to bring action. The Court ruled that a cargo underwriter does not have standing to sue on behalf of the consignor by virtue of assignment or subrogation. The decision emphasizes the importance of well drafted policy provisions allowing the underwriter to sue in the name of the insured and requiring the insured's cooperation in subrogation. The attorneys of **Countryman & McDaniel** specialize in reviewing, enhancing and drafting first and third party insurance policy forms to avoid unintended or unanticipated coverage and subrogation exposures.

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