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LOSS PREVENTION NEWS

Bulk Cargoes - Soya Beans - Cargo Damage Claims (North of England)

There has recently been a number of claims for damage to soya bean cargoes at the discharge port – mainly in China. Grain cargoes in general – and soya beans in particular – have a high risk of going mouldy on board the ship during the voyage. Most if not all the cargoes are loaded in apparent good order and condition but there is an inherent vice - the soya beans have a tendency to deteriorate unless cargo loading temperatures are low and average moisture content is low.

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INTERCARGO Bulk Carrier Casualty Report 2005-2015 (Standard)

This report details the trends and availability of casualty investigation reports as well as breaking down total losses by cause, bulk carrier size, age, and dead weight tonnage (dwt). A copy of the Bulk Carrier Casualty Report is available here on INTERCARGO's website.

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North P&I Club Highlights the Need for Increased Cyber Security (North of England)

North P&I Club has set out the growing range of cyber risks now facing shipowners in a new loss prevention briefing published today (09 June 2016). Entitled *Cyber Risks and Shipping*, the briefing outlines the increasing sophistication of cyber criminals and raises the need for mitigation measures to be taken by shipowners.

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SAMSA Marine Notice 27/2016 - Lessons learnt from recent Casualties (Standard)

The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) recently released a marine notice (27/2016) which dealt with lessons learnt from three recent marine casualties. In every case, basic deficiencies in watch keeping arrangements or seamanship were cited as contributory factors.

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Drones launched from vessels (Gard)

A vessel entered with Gard was recently detained following the launch of a drone to photograph the vessel proceeding through the Suez Canal.

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LEGAL NEWS

Philippines - Supreme Court upholds 3 Day Reporting Rule (Standard)

A seafarer employed under the POEA Standard Employment Contract has had a claim for disability benefits rejected by the Supreme Court in the Philippines because he failed to be examined by a company-designated physician within three days of repatriation, as required under his employment contract.

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Press Article: A ship's master - manager, leader or seaman? (Standard)

Eric Murdoch, Chief Surveyor, describes the life of a ship's master and discusses whether the certificate of competency is sufficient to prove their ability to fulfill the role.

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VGM enforcement - consolidated list of requirements by country (Standard)

The enforcement agencies of some of the SOLAS member states have issued implementation guidelines. These requirements vary amongst countries especially in terms of the acceptable tolerance limits, investigation procedures and penalties in case of non-compliance.

The following SOLAS member states have issued guidelines for the practical implementation of VGM:

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PIRACY NEWS

ISWAN updates its guidance on dealing with the aftermath of Piracy attacks (Standard)

The maritime charity International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network, (ISWAN) has recently released an updated version of their publication entitled 'Humanitarian support of seafarers and their families in cases of armed robbery and piracy attack'. This publication is a good practice guide for shipping companies and manning agents and is designed to help them provide support for seafarers who have been the subject of robbery or piracy.

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Gulf of Guinea Reporting Centre (North of England)

The Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre – Gulf of Guinea (MTISC-GoG) has announced that it is set to close before the end of June 2016.

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SANCTION NEWS

A summary of sanctions in relation to Iran trading (Swedish Club)

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REGIONAL NEWS

Algeria - declare all cash on board (Britannia)

Members are reminded that when ships call at Algerian ports masters are under a legal obligation to declare all cash on board to the customs authorities. Although the law has been in place since August 2010, local correspondents have recently seen an increase in the number of fines imposed for non-declaration of cash on board, especially in the port of Bejaia.

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Australia - bridge resource management (BRM) (Britannia)

On 27 May 2016 the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) detained a bulker (which was not entered with Britannia) after an inspection found that the crew were unable to properly operate the ship's navigation system.

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**Brazil - Brazilian Senate approves a new bill to amend the pre-salt E&P regulation (Standard)**

On 24 February 2016 the Brazilian Senate approved Bill of Law no. 131/2015 to amend the production sharing regime in the pre-salt oil fields.

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Brazil - Immigration Fines Imposed Due To Crew Overstays (North of England)

North's local P&I correspondent (Proinde) has issued a circular warning of increased instances where the Brazilian immigration authority (the Federal Police) has issued fines for crew overstaying in Brazil.

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Indonesia - Corn & Soya Bean Imports (North of England)

Indonesia imposes restrictions on corn and soya bean imports.

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Ivory Coast - fines for disembarking stowaways (Swedish Club)

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Panama Canal - maximum permissible draft reduction due to lack of rainfall (Swedish Club)

We attach the latest Advisory from the ACP which announces that effective immediately, the max allowed transit draft is now increased to **11.89m (39ft 00int)** TFW until further notice.

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Senegal - Hull Staining in Dakar (North of England)

A report by Members has advised that oil and other debris floating in the harbour resulted in significant staining to the vessel's hull.

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Sierra Leone - advanced cargo declarations continue to require particular attention (Gard)

Gard has received numerous enquiries from Member and clients regarding the import/export procedures for Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone introduced advanced cargo declarations in 2015 and all cargoes to be imported or exported to, or in transit in Sierra Leone, must be accompanied by an Entry/Exit Summary Number (ENS) which must feature on the bill of lading as required by the ISPS Code.

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Tunisia - Guidelines on wheat and barley cargoes (Swedish Club)

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Turkey - Fraud Prevention Advice Update (UK Club)

Signum Services would like to update Members on fraudulent activity in relation to bogus cargo.

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Ukraine - Customs Authorities in Nikolaev sea port (Skuld)

The following update has been received from our correspondent DIAS: We have previously advised on the customs claims which are frequently being imposed in the port of Nikolaev, and in particular we see fines for failure to declare the ship's stores and any goods on board.

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Uruguay - Draft Reduction for transiting Martin Garcia Channel (Standard)

The club's correspondent in Uruguay (CHADWICK WEIR NAVEGACION S.A.) has notified us that the current draft for vessels transiting the Martín García channel has been reduced with immediate effect.

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Venezuela - Crew safety in Venezuela (Gard)

Despite the current political unrest in Venezuela, Gard's correspondent in the country, Globalpandi S.A., reports that all major ports are operating as normal as at 1 June 2016, although the ongoing situation may affect the safety of crew members.

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Venezuela - Increasing ignition during loading of petcoke at the port of Amuay (Japan P&I Club)

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Yemen - new port clearance procedures (Gard)

After 5 May 2016, companies responsible for shipping commercial goods or services to Saleef, Mokha and Hodeidah ports in Yemen must obtain port clearance via the UN Verification and Inspection Mechanism (UNVIM).

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