The purpose of the TP&I News is to provide the latest news for the shipowners, charterers, as well as any other maritime interests around the globe. Each issue of TP&I News will include a focused review section of several articles on a topic of current interest.

1. New Zealand bans live animal exports from April 2023

New Zealand will ban live animal exports from next April, two years after storms sank a livestock ship, killing 41 crew members and 6,000 cattle.

The death of two New Zealanders among the crew of the Gulf Livestock 1, which sank in a September 2020 typhoon, helped galvanise the movement to ban exports of live sheep and cattle.

The animal welfare amendment bill was signed into law, with the government saying it would protect New Zealand's reputation as consumers become more ethically conscious.

Live exports have long been controversial in Australia and New Zealand, and subject to long-term campaigns by animal rights groups. When they go wrong, they often result in thousands of animals drowning.



Kaynak: The Guardian



2. Overview of Bangladesh Ports

Bangladesh imports mostly petroleum, oil, textile, food items, iron, steel, edible oil, chemicals, yarn, plastic, rubber articles and exports mainly readymade garments, fish, shrimp, prawns, home textiles, jute products, leather products, and handicrafts.

The following are the four major seaports in Bangladesh:

1. The Chittagong Port is one of the oldest in the world and the main seaport of Bangladesh located on the bank of the Karnaphuli River.



According to Lloyd's, it ranked as the 67th busiest container port in the world in 2020. The port of Chittagong handles about ninety percent of Bangladesh's export-import trade.



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- 2. Mongla Port is the second busiest seaports of Bangladesh and is the most eco-friendly port. It is situated on the southwestern part of the country at the confluence of Possur river.
- 3. Payra Port is the 3rd seaport of Bangladesh located on the bank of Rabnabad Channel under Kalapara, a sub district of Patuakhali. Vessel carrying raw materials and project cargoes, especially for Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited call at Payra Port regularly.
- 4. Matarbari sea port was originally built for Matarbari Coal-fired Power Plant. Later the government decided to turn it into a deep-sea port. The port will be the first deep sea port and the fourth sea port in Bangladesh. Ships the capacity of 8,000 TEU containers will be able to berth at the jetties.

We thank to our correspondent, Engr. Tanjil Ahmed Ruhullah, Interport Maritime Ltd., for providing this information.



3. Malta Flag – Update on Authorized Classification Societies

A merchant vessel both at the time that is being registered as a Maltese ship and during the period of its registration under the Malta flag must be classed with a classification society authorised to issue statutory certificates on behalf of the Government of Malta.

The latest list of these authorised classification societies is as follows:

- -American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- -Bureau Veritas (BV)
- -China Classification Society (CCS)
- -Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS)
- -ClassNK (NK)
- -Det Norske Veritas (DNV)
- -Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
- -Korean Register of Shipping (KR)
- -Lloyd's Register (LR)
- -Polish Register of Shipping (PRS)
- -Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)



Therefore, with immediate effect, the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RMRS) is no longer being recognised as an authorized Classification Society to issue any statutory certificates and other class related certificates or documents issued/endorsed on behalf of the Government of Malta, for Malta Flag vessels.

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