

UK statement to the WTO General Council



Thank You, Chair.

The WTO Agreements, as agreed by the WTO Membership, recognise the importance of market-oriented conditions to the world trading system. We seek to ensure fair competition, by guaranteeing that all WTO Members uphold their obligations under the Agreements.

The world trading system can only succeed if we tackle unfair practices when these occur. We therefore thank Brazil, Japan and the United States for enabling this discussion. It is important that we make progress on issues such as industrial subsidies, state owned enterprises, and forced technology transfer. We also need to ensure that we reduce protectionist measures.

The United Kingdom believes that unfair practices not only violate the agreements but have real life impacts on the life of our citizens. Innovation is stifled, communities are damaged, and uncompetitive companies are bolstered.

Thank you, Chair.

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Macclesfield Town FC: Official Receiver's update

News story

The Official Receiver has confirmed that Macclesfield Town FC Limited has been sold to Macc Football Club Limited.



The Official Receiver, Catherine Hudson, has announced that the sale of Macclesfield Town FC Limited, the trading company behind the football club, to Macc Football Club Limited has been completed.

The sale includes the leasehold property known as Moss Rose Football Ground and all assets within the football stadium, including the main offices, entertainment facilities and dressing rooms, and the football club's intellectual property rights.

The Official Receiver said:

The expedited sale of Macclesfield Town FC will help preserve the future of the football club and I am grateful to Macclesfield Town FC's workforce during this difficult time.

I am also appreciative to the various parties that have engaged with my officials throughout the sales process, who were understandably concerned about the future of their future club.

On 16 September 2020 the High Court ordered Macclesfield Town FC Limited into compulsory liquidation. The Official Receiver was appointed as liquidator

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£2m works to repair Doncaster flood defence are complete

The embankment, which lies between the River Don and the South Yorkshire Navigation canal at Mile Thorn in the Wheatley Park area of Doncaster, suffered from damage before and during last winter's flood conditions.

The bank slip could have been at risk of destabilising the whole river bank if it was left unrepaired.

The £2 million works at Wheatley Park are part of an overall £32 million package of repair works across Yorkshire.

A large 42 tonne excavator was transported to site using a pontoon as part of the work. Large barges were used to transport materials in to repair the bank.

Over 580 rock bags weighing over 1,000 tonnes were placed in engineered bays, and have been used to make the foreshore much more resistant to erosion.

Access to the site was restricted, so the Environment Agency has worked closely with Doncaster Council to set up a site compound near the site, and the Canal and River Trust enabled teams to have access from the canal so that equipment could get to site safely.

Tony Hartley, project manager at the Environment Agency said:

This work was a significant repair job in difficult conditions, which has now strengthened this flood defence bank and reduced the risk of flooding to the local area.

We are prepared to take action this winter wherever it is needed. Throughout the year we have continued to build and repair flood defences across Yorkshire, prioritising work to ensure we're ready for winter.

The repair works were carried out by the Environment Agency's framework contractor BAM Nuttall and their specialist contractor Waitings, and ARUP.

Since the floods in November 2019, the Environment Agency has checked 650 kilometres of flood defence embankments across South Yorkshire and identified over 100 individual repairs that are required at a cost of £12.8 million, protecting around 6,000 properties.

There are 250 high volume pumps available and 6,500 trained staff across the country, including 314 trained flood support officers.

Environment Agency flood schemes protected almost 130,000 properties during the winter 2019/20 flooding. Our teams will always work around the clock to support the community and our top priority is the safety of residents and working with our partners to get people back into their homes as soon as possible.

In South Yorkshire, government has invested £44.3 million in flood defences since 2010, providing better protection for around 4,600 homes.

In Doncaster, over £19.8m has been invested in flood defences since 2010, providing better protection for around 4,191 homes.

There's also a time lapse of the work available to view. [BAM Nuttall – Mile Thorn Time Lapse](#)

Foreign flagged ships detained in the UK during September 2020

During September, there were zero new detentions of foreign flagged vessels in a UK port.

1. In response to one of the recommendations of Lord Donaldson's inquiry into the prevention of pollution from merchant shipping, and in compliance with the EU Directive on Port State Control (2009/16/EC as amended), the Maritime and Coastguard agency (MCA) publishes details of the foreign flagged vessels detained in UK ports each month.
2. The UK is part of a regional agreement on port state control known as the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (Paris MOU) and information on all ships that are inspected is held centrally in an electronic database known as THETIS. This allows the ships with a high risk rating and poor detention records to be targeted for future inspection.
3. Inspections of foreign flagged ships in UK ports are undertaken by surveyors from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. When a ship is found to be not in compliance with applicable convention requirements, a deficiency may be raised. If any of their deficiencies are so serious, they have to be rectified before departure, then the ship will be detained.
4. All deficiencies should be rectified before departure.

5. When applicable, the list includes those passenger craft prevented from operating under the provisions of the EU Directive on a system of inspections for the safe operation of Ro-Ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft in regular service and amending directive 2009/16/EC and repealing Council Directive 1999/35/EC (Directive EU 2017/2110).

Notes on the list of detentions:

- Full details of the ship: The accompanying detention list shows ship's International Maritime Organisation (IMO) number which is unchanging throughout the ship's life and uniquely identifies it. It also shows the ship's name and flag state at the time of its inspection.
- Company: The company shown in the vessel's Safety Management Certificate (SMC) or if there is no SMC, then the party otherwise believed to be responsible for the safety of the ship at the time of inspection.
- Classification society: The list shows the classification society responsible for classing the ship only.
- Recognised organisation: Responsible for conducting the statutory surveys: and issuing statutory certificates on behalf of the flag state.
- White (WL), grey (GL) and black lists (BL) are issued by the Paris MoU on 01 July each year and shows the performance of flag state.
- Deficiencies: The deficiencies listed are the ones which were detainable. Further details of other deficiencies can be provided on request.

SHIPS DETAINED IN SEPTEMBER 2020

DETENTIONS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS

Vessel Name: MARCO POLO

GT: 22080

IMO: 6417097

Flag: Bahamas (white list)

Company: Global Cruise Lines Ltd

Classification society: DNV GL

Recognised organisation: DNV GL

Recognised organisation for ISM Doc: DNV GL

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: DNV GL

Date and place of detention: 19th June 2020 at Avonmouth

Summary: Six deficiencies with one ground for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
01220 – Seafarers’ employment agreement (SEA)	Expired	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: VASCO DA GAMA

GT: 55877

IMO: 8919245

Flag: Bahamas (white list)

Company: Global Cruise Lines Ltd

Classification society: Lloyd’s Register

Recognised organisation: Lloyd’s Register

Recognised organisation for ISM Doc: DNVGL

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: Lloyd’s Register

Date and place of detention: 19th June 2020 at Tilbury

Summary: Five deficiencies with three grounds for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
01220 – Seafarers’ employment agreement (SEA)	Expired	Yes
18204 – Non-payment of wages	Not according to SEA	Yes
15150 – ISM	Not as required	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: ASTOR

GT: 20704

IMO: 8506373

Flag: Bahamas (white list)

Company: Global Cruise Lines Ltd

Classification society: DNV GL

Recognised organisation: DNV GL

Recognised organisation for ISM Doc: DNV GL

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: DNV GL

Date and place of detention: 19th June 2020 at Tilbury

Summary: Two deficiencies with two grounds for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
01220 – Seafarers’ employment agreement (SEA)	Expired	Yes
18203 – Wages	Missing	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: ASTORIA

GT: 16144

IMO: 5383304

Flag: Portugal (white list)

Company: Global Cruise Lines Ltd

Classification society: BV

Recognised organisation: BV

Recognised organisation for ISM Doc: BV

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: BV

Date and place of detention: 19th June 2020 at Tilbury

Summary: Five deficiencies with four grounds for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
01220 – Seafarers’ employment agreement (SEA)	Expired	Yes
18203 – Wages	Missing	Yes
15150 – ISM	Not as required	Yes
18204 – Non-payment of wages	Non-payment of wages	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: COLUMBUS

GT: 63786

IMO: 8611398

Flag: Bahamas (white list)

Company: Global Cruise Lines Ltd

Classification society: Lloyd's Register

Recognised organisation: Lloyd's Register

Recognised organisation for ISM Doc: DNVGL

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: Lloyd's Register

Date and place of detention: 19th June 2020 at Tilbury

Summary: Five deficiencies with four grounds for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
01220 – Seafarers' employment agreement (SEA)	Not as required	Yes
18203 – Wages	Not according to SEA	Yes
01220 – Seafarers' employment agreement (SEA)	Invalid	Yes
15150 – ISM	Not as required	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: LIVA GRETA

GT: 851

IMO: 8801072

Flag: Latvia (white list)

Company: Regulus SIA

Classification society: RINA

Recognised organisation: RINA

Recognised organisation for ISM Doc: RMRS

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: RMRS

Date and place of detention: 11th January 2020 at Birkenhead

Summary: Nine deficiencies with two grounds for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
11113 – Launching arrangements for rescue boats	Inoperative	Yes
15150 – ISM	Not as required	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: POSEIDON

GT: 1412

IMO: 7363217

Flag: Iceland (White list)

Company: Neptune EHF

Classification society: NA

Recognised organisation: NA

Recognised organisation for ISM Doc: DNV-GL

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: N/A (SMC issued by Flag)

Date and place of detention: 19th July 2018 at Hull

Summary: Ten deficiencies with two grounds for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
02106 – Hull damage impairing seaworthiness	Holed	Yes
07113 – Fire Pumps	Insufficient Pressure	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: TECOIL POLARIS

GT: 1814

IMO No: 8883290

Flag: Russian Federation (Grey list)

Company: Tecoil Shipping Ltd

Classification society: RMRS

Recognised organisation: RMRS

Recognised organisation for ISM DOC: RMRS

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: RMRS

Date and place of detention: 6th June 2018 at Immingham

Summary: Twenty-seven deficiencies with six grounds for detentions

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention	
10104	– Gyro compass	Inoperative	Yes
10127	– Voyage or passage plan	Not as required	Yes
15150	– ISM	Not as required	Yes
11104	– Rescue boats	Not properly maintained	Yes
11101	– Lifeboats	Not ready for use	Yes
01117	– International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP)	Invalid	Yes

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Vessel Name: CIEN PORCIENTO (General Cargo)

GT: 106.

IMO No: 8944446.

Flag: Unregistered.

Company: Open Window Inc.

Classification society: Unclassed.

Recognised organisation: Not applicable.

Recognised organisation for ISM DOC: Not applicable.

Recognised organisation for ISM SMC: Not applicable

Date and place of detention: 4 March 2010, Lowestoft

Summary: Thirty deficiencies including seven grounds for detention

This vessel was still detained on 30th September 2020

Notes to Editors

- The MCA is a partner in the Sea Vision UK campaign to raise awareness and understanding of the sea and maritime activities. Sea Vision promotes the importance and economic value of the sector and works to highlight the exciting range of activities and career opportunities available to young people within the UK growing maritime sector.

- Follow us on Twitter: @MCA_media

For further information please contact Maritime and Coastguard Agency Press Office, on: +44 (0) 2380 329 401 Press releases and further information about the agency is available [here](#).

[GLD colleagues recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours List](#)

It is with great pride we can announce that three GLD colleagues have been recognised in this year's [Queen's Birthday Honours list](#), they are: Nick Price, Director of Operations, who has been awarded a CBE for public service and for services to Diversity and Inclusion; Emma Burgess, Grade 6 Lawyer, MoJ Legal Team awarded an OBE for services to International Relations; and Ivan Smyth, Deputy Director leading the trade and negotiations team in Treasury Legal Advisers, previously Legal Counsellor for the UK Mission to the European Union in Brussels, who has received a CMG for services to British foreign policy.

The Birthday Honour's List recognises the outstanding achievements of individuals across the UK. Nick Price, who is also Chair of GLD's LGBT Network, has been in the Civil Service since 1988 working predominantly for the Ministry of Defence (MoD), but with a stint in Cabinet Office and now for the last 6 years at GLD.

Having specialised as a generalist Nick has held roles doing lab work, finance policy, project and programme management and is now responsible for a portfolio which covers security, IT, safety, business resilience, facilities management and the intricacies of GDPR and data protection at GLD.

Having been MoD's LGBT+ Network chair Nick took on the task of forming a LGBT Network at GLD, one of the first networks to be founded at GLD. Since its inception the Network has grown from strength to strength, supporting its members, guiding policy and the department and challenging outdated or discriminatory views. 2020 proved to be a highlight for the Network as it supported GLD being listed in [Stonewall's UK Top 100 employees](#) for the first time, placing 78th.

As well as his work at GLD promoting inclusion and specifically LGBTQI+, Nick is also a trustee for the [C4WS Homeless Project](#), working to ensure marginalised individuals are supported and heard. For as with the LGBTQI+ community, Nick notes the importance of allies and champions for the homeless.

Reflecting on his CBE Nick said:

It came as such a huge shock, I thought the email was spam! Both my parents are 90 and I have never seen so much pride in their eyes, my dad has known since June and has been bursting to tell the world!

I am passionate about diversity and inclusion and have worked so hard to encourage GLD because I never want anyone else to experience the issues I did as a teenager and young adult. Having

to hide my true identity, making up stories to cover the truth, being excluded from the church, being sworn and spat at. I am extremely proud to work with the LGBTQI+ community and network and hope that what we do and stand, for acts as a beacon to all those who may feel excluded, showing them that we are a supportive inclusive organisation to work for.