

Need and/or Use: Is used to establish a data base for use in supplying manpower to the military services during a military emergency.

Respondents: All 18 year old males who are United States citizens and those male aliens residing in the United States at the time of their 18th birthday are required to register with the Selective Service System.

Frequency: Registration with the Selective Service System is a one-time occurrence.

Burden: A burden of 2 minutes or less on the individual respondent.

Copies of the above identified forms can be obtained upon written request to: Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 22209-2425.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed extension of clearance of the forms should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice, to: Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, 1515 Wislon Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 22209-2425.

A copy of the comments should be sent to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer, Selective Service System, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: April 11, 1996.

Gil Coronado,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2369]

Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 30, 1996, in Room 2416 of U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to report the results of the diplomatic conference convened by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) that considered adoption of both an International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention) and a Protocol to amend the International Convention on

Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims (76 LLMC).

To facilitate the attendance of those participants who may be interested in only certain aspects of the public meeting, the first item addressed will be the HNS Convention. At approximately 11:30 a.m., there will be a discussion of the results of the diplomatic conference with respect to the Protocol to the 76 LLMC.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, for copies of the conference drafts of these instruments or other conference documents, or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, contact either Captain David J. Kantor or Lieutenant Commander Bruce P. Dalcher, U.S. Coast Guard (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593, telephone (202) 267-1527, telefax (202) 267-4496.

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Charles A. Mast,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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[Public Notice No. 2370]

Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Safety of Navigation; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Safety of Navigation of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 1996, in room 4315, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 42nd session of the Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and which is scheduled for July 15-19, 1996, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Items of principal interest on the agenda are:

- Role of the human element in maritime casualties
- Routing of ships and related matters
- Vessel traffic services (VTS) and ship reporting
- Development of measures complementary to the Code for Safe Carriage of Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF)
- Navigational aids and related matters
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters
- Revision of SOLAS chapter V
- Code for safe navigation and watchkeeping

- Ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout
- Roll-on roll-off (Ro-Ro) ferry safety
- International Code of Signals
- Special signal for use by ships under attack or threat of attack by pirates and armed robbers
- Review of World Meteorological Organization (WMO) handbooks on navigation in areas affected by sea-ice
- Standard marine communication phrases
- Removal of wrecks and towage of offshore installations, structures, and platforms
- Operational aspects of wing in ground (WIG) craft
- Safety of passenger submersible craft
- Review and revision of resolution A.244(VII)—Cooperation with Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Edward J. LaRue, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (G-MVO-3), Room 1409, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0416.

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Charles A. Mast,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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[Public Notice No. 2371]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue; Notice of Meetings

The Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea will conduct open meetings at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, 1996, January 15, and February 19, 1997. These meetings will be held in the Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20950. The purpose of these meetings is to prepare for the Second Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue which is scheduled for the week of January 27, 1997, at the IMO headquarters in London, England. Results of the Second Session will be discussed at the February 19, 1997, meeting.

Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- The implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).
- Maritime Search and Rescue matters.

Further information, including meeting agendas with meeting room numbers, minutes, and input papers, can be obtained from the Coast Guard Navigation Information Center computer bulletin board, accessible by modem by dialing: (703) 313-5910. This information is also accessible through Internet World Wide Web by entering: "http://www.navcen.uscg.mil/marcomms/imo/imo.htm"

Members of the public may attend these meeting up to the seating capacity of the rooms. Interested persons may seek information, including meeting room numbers, by writing: Mr. Ronald J. Grandmaison, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-STM-2), Room 6509, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20593-0001, by calling: (202) 267-1389, or by sending Internet electronic mail to r.grandmaison/g-e@mailgatehq.comdt.uscg.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 95-089]

Interim Report on Tank Vessel Design, Construction, and Operation Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of interim report; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of an interim report concerning the impact of the provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) relating to tank vessel design, construction, and operation on the safety of the marine environment and the economic viability and operational makeup of the maritime oil transportation industry. The interim report was prepared by a committee under the National Research Council and describes the committee's work to date and the availability of data. In addition, the committee is seeking comments and additional information on certain issues to assist it in preparing a final report, required by OPA 90, for

submission by the Coast Guard to Congress.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than May 30, 1996. In order to provide adequate time to review the interim report, it is recommended that requests for copies of the report be made on or before May 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Marine Board, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, HA 250, Washington, DC 20418, ATTN: Mr. Donald Perkins. A copy of the interim report may be requested by writing Commandant (G-MES), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, by calling (202) 267-1044 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, or by facsimile at (202) 267-4624. The report is available on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.starsoftware.com/uscg/nmc/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Klingel, Standards Evaluation and Development Division (G-MES), (202) 267-1044, or Mr. Jaideep Sirkar, Design and Engineering Standards Division (G-MMS-2), (202) 267-6925, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), the Secretary of Transportation (Coast Guard) is required (1) To assess the impact of the provisions of OPA 90 relating to double hulls for tank vessels on the safety of the marine environment and the economic viability and operational makeup of the maritime oil transportation industry and (2) to report the results of its assessment to Congress, with recommendations for legislative or other action (OPA 90, Sec. 4115(e)(2) (B) and (C); Note to 46 U.S.C. 3703a). To assist it in preparing the report, the Coast Guard requested advice in preparing this report from the National Research Council. Accordingly, the Marine Board of the National Research Council established the "Committee on Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (section 4115) Implementation Review" (the Committee). The Committee will assess the impact of the double hull and related provisions of OPA 90 on (1) The safety of the marine environment, (2) the economic viability of the maritime oil transportation industry, (3) the operational makeup of the maritime oil transportation industry, and (4) the influence of international conventions on tank vessel design and operational activities. In this regard, the

Committee has undertaken a methodical data gathering process, which includes input from written surveys, industry representatives and databases, and various Federal agencies involved in the promulgation of regulations. This notice of availability of the interim report and request for comments is one element within this data gathering process. While the Committee has compiled significant amounts of data and information and analysis, an independent solicitation of public comment over and above the public comment processes for the related Coast Guard regulatory projects may add significant value to the deliberations of the Committee.

With some exceptions, section 4115 of OPA 90 requires that oil tank vessels operating on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States have double hulls. It also provides for a 25-year phase-in period under certain circumstances.

Related Rulemakings

The Coast Guard has had several rulemaking projects concerning the design, construction, and operation of tank vessels under section 4115 of OPA 90. Comments submitted to the Coast Guard under these rulemakings have been made available to the Committee and need not be re-submitted in response to this request for comments.

Questions

The Coast Guard requests comments on the interim report and further information on the issues addressed in the report. The Committee has prepared, and is seeking answers to, the following questions:

1. Has the quality of the tanker fleet serving U.S. ports changed as a result of the passage of OPA 90? Can you attribute these changes to section 4115 of OPA 90?

2. What is the anticipated impact resulting from MARPOL 73/78, Annex I, Regulations 13F and 13G, on ship safety and the reduction of pollution into the marine environment?

3. What has been the impact of increased port state control activities designed to improve ship safety and reduce pollution into the marine environment?

4. What is the anticipated impact of enhanced survey requirements of MARPOL 73/78, Annex I, Regulation 13G, on ship safety and the reduction of pollution into the marine environment?

5. What information can you provide that indicates double hull vessels have affected marine safety and reduced pollution into the marine environment?