

Committee (MEPC 38) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to be held from July 1–10, 1996. Proposed U.S. position on the agenda items for MEPC 38 will be discussed.

The major items for discussion will be the following:

1. Development of a draft International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78), Annex VI (Air Pollution) regulations.
2. Work relating to the Human Element.
3. Unwanted aquatic organisms in ballast water.
4. Implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC).
5. Follow-up action to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).
6. Harmful effects of the use of antifouling paints for ships.
7. Development of a "Manual on Disposal of Ships Waste".

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room.

For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander Ray Perry, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G–MOS–4), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593–0001, Telephone: (202) 267–2714.

Dated: May 8, 1996.

Charles A. Mast,  
Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** Department of Transportation (DOT), United States Coast Guard.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces five Information Collections Requests (ICR) are coming up for renewal. These ICRs are: Collection of Marine Casualty Information (Forms CG–2692/2692A), Chemical Drug and Alcohol Testing Information (Form CG–2692B), and Management Information System Reports [ICR No. 2115–0003], Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials [ICR No. 2115–0013], Welding and Hot Work Permit

[2115–0054], Plan Review for Facilities With Vapor Control System [ICR No. 2115–0581], Ships' Stores Certification for Hazardous Materials Aboard Ships [ICR No. 2115–0139]. Before submitting renewal packages to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USCG is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the collections as described below.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on or before July 11, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments identified by ICR No. by mail to Barbara Davis, 2100 Second Street, SW.; G–SII; Washington, DC 20593, Telephone number (202) 267–2326. Requests for a copy of the information collection should be directed to Barbara Davis, 2100 Second Street, SW.; G–SII; Washington, DC 20593.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Davis, 2100 Second Street, SW.; G–SII; Washington, DC 20593, Telephone number (202) 267–2326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3507 of Title 44 of the United States Code, as adopted by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, requires that agencies prepare a notice for publication in the Federal Register, listing those information collection requests for approval or renewal under that Act. OMB reviews and approves agency submissions in accordance with criteria set forth in that Act. This notice identifies five information collections of the United States Coast Guard that are coming up for renewal for a term of three years.

The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of information collection; (2) OMB Control Number; (3) Affected Entities, (4) Abstract of the information collection activity, including the need for and use of the collection; (5) estimate of total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden; and frequency of collection.

**Title:** Collection of Marine Casualty Information (Forms CG–2692/2692A), Chemical Drug and Alcohol Testing Information (Form CG–2692B), and Management Information System Reports.

**OMB No:** 2115–0003.

**Affected Entities:** Commercial Marine Industry.

**Abstract:** Marine casualty information is necessary for informing Coast Guard of commercial vessel casualties involving death, vessel damage, etc., as mandated by Congress. Chemical retesting information is necessary to improve Coast Guard detection/reduction of drug use by mariners.

Relative test result information must be sent to Coast Guard to evaluate program effectiveness.

Under Title 46 U.S.C. 7503, Coast Guard has authority to deny the issuance of licenses, certificates of registry and merchant Mariner's documents to users of dangerous drugs.

Coast Guard will use this information to: (a) Determine if certain applicants are qualified to be issued seaman's papers, (b) initiate administrative action against a commercial mariner's right to continue holding seaman's papers, initiate civil or criminal penalty action when an individual has been found to be operating a vessel while intoxicated, and (d) to assess the impact of drug or alcohol use in serious marine accidents.

**Burden Estimate and Frequency:** The current total annual respondent burden estimate is 33,878 hours. The average burden hour per response is 54 minutes reporting and 24 minutes recordkeeping. The frequency of reporting and recordkeeping will be on occasion.

**Title:** Application and Permit to Handle Hazardous Materials.

**OMB No:** 2115–0013.

**Affected Entities:** Shipping agents and terminal operators.

**Abstract:** This requirement ensures the safe handling of explosives and other hazardous materials in port areas and on board vessels. Shipping agents and terminal operators who handle the above commodities must comply.

This information is a requirement stated under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, 33 U.S.C. 1225, the Coast Guard has authority to establish procedures and standards for handling of hazardous material on vessels and waterfront facilities.

This information will be used to determine if safe practices are being followed in the stowage and handling of explosives and hazardous materials.

**Burden Estimate and Frequency:** The current total annual respondent burden estimate is 814 hours. The average burden hour per response is 1 hour reporting. The frequency of recordkeeping will be annually.

**Title:** Welding and Hot Work Permit.

**OMB No:** 2115–0054.

**Affected Entities:** Owners/operators of vessels and waterfront facilities.

**Abstract:** This information is used by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with safety regulations. This allows the use of welding or other "hot-work" equipment on a designated waterfront facility.

Under Title 33 CFR 126.15(c), 33 CFR 127.617, 33 CFR 154.735(k)(1) and 49 CFR 176, Coast Guard has the authority

to grant waterfront facilities and vessels permits to conduct Hot Works and welding activities.

Coast Guard proposed use of this information is to ensure that waterfront facilities and vessels are in compliance with safety standards.

**Burden Estimate and Frequency:** The current total annual respondent burden estimate is 2,190 hours. The average burden hour per response is 5 minutes reporting. The frequency of recordkeeping will be occasionally.

**Title:** Plan Review for Facilities With Vapor Control Systems.

**OMB No:** 2115-0581.

**Affected Entities:** Owners/operators of vessels and facilities with vapor control systems.

**Abstract:** This information is used by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with safety regulations. This allows the use of welding or other "hot-work" equipment on a designated waterfront facility.

Under Title 33 CFR 126.15(c), 33 CFR 127.617, 33 CFR 154.735(k)(1) and 49 CFR 176, Coast Guard has the authority to grant waterfront facilities and vessels permits to conduct Hot Works and welding activities.

The Coast Guard proposed use of this information is to ensure that waterfront facilities and vessels are in compliance with safety standards.

**Burden Estimate and Frequency:** The current total annual respondent burden estimate is 2,190 hours. The average burden hour per response is 5 minutes reporting. The frequency of recordkeeping will be occasionally.

**Title:** Ships' Stores Certification for Hazardous Materials Aboard Ships.

**OMB No:** 2115-0139.

**Affected Entities:** Suppliers and manufacturers of hazardous products used on ships.

**Abstract:** Ships' Stores Certification—Title 46, CFR, Part 147 requires proper identification and labeling of dangers presented by hazardous ships' stores. The regulation provides manufacturers the opportunity to request waivers for products in special DOT hazard classes to be used aboard ships.

Title 46 U.S.C. 3303 authorizes the Coast Guard to regulate the transportation, stowage and use of ships' stores and supplies of a dangerous nature.

Coast Guard will use this information to ensure personnel aboard vessels are made aware of the proper usage and stowage instructions to protect them from bodily injury.

**Burden Estimate and Frequency:** The current total annual respondent burden estimate is 6 hours. The average burden

hour per response is 3 hours reporting. The frequency of reporting will be occasionally.

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Phillip A. Leach

*Clearance Officer, United States Department of Transportation.*

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## Federal Highway Administration

### Environmental Impact Statement: Cleveland County, NC

**AGENCY:** Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The FHWA is issuing this notice of intent to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared for a proposed highway project in Cleveland County, North Carolina.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Roy Shelton, Operations Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601, Telephone (919) 856-4350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FHWA, in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to provide improved traffic flow along US 74 in the vicinity of Shelby. The proposed project would consist of construction of US 74 to a multi-land freeway on new location or upgrading existing US 74. The proposed highway is considered necessary to handle existing and projected traffic demand; and to provide a more direct link with full control of access between Charlotte and Asheville than that currently available via I-85 and I-26.

Alternatives under consideration include: (1) taking no action (No Build); (2) improvement of existing route (Upgrade); and (3) Northern and Southern Build alternatives and five crossovers, which combine to form 24 possible project-wide alternatives.

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments have been sent to the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and to private organizations who have previously expressed interest in this project. A series of public meeting have been held for this projects: additional public meetings and a public hearing will also be held. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meetings and hearing. The draft EIS will be made

available for public and agency review and comment.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments and questions concerning the proposed action and the EIS should be directed to the FHWA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal progress and activities apply to this program.)

Issued on: May 2, 1996.

Roy C. Shelton,

*Operations Engineer, Raleigh, North Carolina.*

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## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

### Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Isuzu

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Grant of petition for exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This notice grants in full the petition of Isuzu Motors America, Inc., (Isuzu) for an exemption of a high-theft line, the Honda Acura SLX, from the parts-marking requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

**DATES:** The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rosalind Proctor, Office of Planning and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Proctor's telephone number is (202) 366-1740. Her fax number is (202) 493-2739.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a letter dated February 12, 1996, Isuzu Motors America, Inc., (Isuzu), on behalf of Isuzu Motors Limited, Tokyo, Japan requested exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR Part 541) for the Isuzu Trooper and Honda Acura SLX vehicle