

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice No. 2548]****Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers; Notice of Meeting**

The Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 1997, in Room 6246, at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the outcome of the Second Session of the DSC Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which was held February 24-28, 1997, at the IMO Headquarters in London. In addition, initial plans and preparations for the Third Session (DSC3) and other topics of interest, will be addressed.

The agenda items of particular interest are:

a. Amendment 29 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

b. Implementation of Annex III of the Marine Pollution Convention (MARPOL 73/78).

c. Development of measures complementary to the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code.

d. Amendments to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) chapters VI and VII.

e. Bulk carrier safety: need for fitting water level alarms in cargo holds.

f. Revision of the format of the IMDG Code.

g. Loading and unloading of bulk cargoes.

h. Cargo securing manual.

i. Reports on incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas.

j. Evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargoes.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. E.P. Pfersich, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-3), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-1577.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

Russell A. La Mantia,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice No. 2547]****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 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 5, 1997, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to report on the 75th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which was held April 21-25, 1997, in London, regarding financial responsibility for seagoing vessels, compensation for pollution from ships' bunkers, a draft convention on wreck removal, and other matters. This meeting will also be a further opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996.

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 conference documents, or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, communicate with either Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., 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.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

Russell A. La Mantia,

Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Notice of Meeting of the Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Customs Matters (IFAC 1)**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Customs

Matters (IFAC 1) will hold a meeting on June 16, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for June 16, 1997, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce in Room 1861, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Gardner, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-3681 or Suzanna Kang, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IFAC 1 will hold a meeting on June 16, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public and press during this time. Agenda topics to be addressed will be:

1. Customs Valuation Issues
2. Rules of Origin Work Program
3. Pre-Shipment Inspection Concerns
4. Harmonized System Committee Activities
5. Intellectual Property Rights from a Customs Perspective

Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Phyllis Shearer Jones,

Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Partnership Council Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a meeting of the DOT Partnership Council (the Council). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

TIME AND PLACE: The Council will meet on Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, rooms 6244-6249, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The rooms are located on the 6th floor.

TYPE OF MEETING: These meetings will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should contact DOT to obtain appropriate accommodations.

POINT OF CONTACT: John E. Budnik or Jean B. Lenderking, Corporate Effectiveness Division, M-13, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room 9425, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9439 or (202) 366-8085, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to provide an update of current issues within the Department of Transportation including strategic planning, welfare-to-work initiatives, and partnership survey.

Public Participation: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit comments. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Ms. Jean Lenderking at the address shown above. Comments should be received by June 2, 1997 in order to be considered at the June 11 meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 16, 1997.

For the Department of Transportation.

John E. Budnik,

Associate Director, Corporate Effectiveness Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-025]

Application for Recertification of Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the application for recertification submitted by the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC) for June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998. Under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act), the Coast Guard may certify, on an annual basis, an alternative voluntary advisory group (advisory group) in lieu of Regional Citizens' Advisory Councils for Cook Inlet Alaska.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety

Council (G-LRA/ 3406) (CGD 97-025), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or deliver them to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-267-1477. The application may be reviewed at the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council's Office, 910 Highland Avenue, Kenai, Alaska 99611-8033, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (907) 283-7222.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information regarding the CIRCAC contact Mr. Mark Meza, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection Directorate, Office of Response, (G-MOR-1), (202) 267-0421.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written data, views, or arguments. It solicits comments from interested groups including oil terminal facility owners and operators, owners and operators of crude oil tankers calling at the terminal facilities, and fishing, aquacultural, recreational and environmental citizens groups, concerning the recertification application of CIRCAC. If you submit a comment, please include your name and address, identify this docket (CGD 97-025) and specify the section of the application to which your comment applies. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you want confirmation that the Coast Guard has received your comments you should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period.

Background

The Coast Guard published guidelines on December 31, 1992, (57 FR 62600) to assist groups seeking recertification under the Act. The Coast Guard issued a policy statement on July 7, 1993 (58 FR 36505), to clarify the factors that the Coast Guard would be considering in making its determination as to whether advisory groups should be certified in accordance with the Act; and the procedures which the Coast Guard would follow in meeting its certification responsibilities under the Act.

The Coast Guard has received an application for recertification of

CIRCAC, the currently certified advisory group for the Cook Inlet region. In accordance with the review and certification process contained in the policy statement, the Coast Guard announces the availability of that application. At the conclusion of the comment period, the Coast Guard will review all application materials and comments received and will take one of the following actions:

(a) Recertify the advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o).

(b) Issue a conditional recertification for a period of 90 days, with a statement of any discrepancies which must be corrected to qualify for recertification for the remainder of the year.

(c) Deny recertification of the advisory group if the Coast Guard finds that the group is not broadly representative of the interests and communities in the area or is not adequately fostering the goals and purposes of the Act.

The Coast Guard will notify CIRCAC by letter of the action taken on its application. A notice will be published in the **Federal Register** to advise the public of the Coast Guard's determination.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

R.C. North,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD 97-027]

Application for Recertification of Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of the application for recertification submitted by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) for July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998. Under the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act), the Coast Guard may certify, on an annual basis, an alternative voluntary advisory group (advisory group) in lieu of Regional Citizens' Advisory Councils for Prince William Sound Alaska.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 30, 1997.