

making as much progress as possible before 2000. Such efforts will expand transatlantic commerce and reduce frictions, benefiting both our peoples. We will maintain high standards of safety and protection for health, consumers and the environment. Our partnership will not create new barriers to third countries.

10. We will focus on those barriers that really matter to transatlantic trade and investment and to this end we will aim in particular at the removal of those regulatory barriers that hinder market opportunities, both for goods and for services. We will concentrate specifically on the following:

(a) Technical barriers to trade in goods, reinforcing our efforts for the elimination or substantial lowering of the remaining barriers, while further pursuing our commitment to high health, safety and environmental standards;

(b) Services, with the aim of substantially improving opportunities for market opening to the benefit of consumers and small, medium and larger enterprises;

(c) Agriculture, with the objective of strengthening our regulatory cooperation in the field of human, plant and animal health issues, including biotechnology, while recognizing the importance of continuing to improve our respective regulatory processes and of improving our scientific cooperation;

(d) Government procurement to increase and facilitate access to public procurement markets, including by enhancing the compatibility of electronic procurement information and government contracting systems;

(e) Intellectual property as identified in the Agreement on TRIPS in order to improve the protection of rightholders and to reduce costs.

11. We will build on efforts already underway for goods but extending to services, to cover as wide a range of barriers and sectors as possible identifying the priorities both for the near and longer term. Instruments to achieve this will be:

(a) The mutual recognition of testing and approval procedures, of equivalence of technical and other requirements and, in certain areas, where appropriate, the progressive alignment or, where possible, the adoption of the same standards, regulatory requirements and procedures adopting internationally agreed standards where possible;

(b) The intensification of the dialogue between scientific and other expert advisers, standard setting bodies, and regulatory agencies;

(c) High degree of transparency and consultation with all interested parties.

12. Within the framework of our bilateral partnership we will seek to advance our shared values in the areas of labour and environment.

13. We will explore the scope for further cooperative dialogue and greater compatibility of procedures between our competition authorities.

14. We will maintain and extend our work on electronic commerce as set out in the joint statement at the Washington Summit of December 1997.

Extending the Transatlantic Dialogue

15. The EU and US recall the imaginative and practical approach of EU and US business in the Transatlantic Business Dialogue which has contributed directly to many of the NTA's successes, such as the Mutual Recognition Agreement. We urge the TABD to continue and extend its valuable contribution to the process of removing barriers to trade and investment. We reaffirm our commitment in the New Transatlantic Agenda to promote dialogue between representatives of consumer and labour interests as illustrated by the helpful second meeting of the Transatlantic Labour Dialogue held in London in April. We invite interested non-governmental organizations to participate and extend this dialogue on consumer protection, scientific, safety and environmental issues relevant to international trade as a constructive contribution to policy making.

16. In line with our commitment to encourage greater transparency in the work of international trade bodies, we will seek to facilitate the closer association of business and other interested non-governmental constituencies with the activities of the WTO and other international trade organizations, as well as with our bilateral activities.

17. Within the framework provided by the NTA we will establish a dynamic process yielding concrete results with the intention of applying them, where agreed, at the relevant levels of government in the EU and the US; and to this end we will pursue the multilateral and bilateral actions set out in this statement as follows:

(a) Establish as soon as possible a Plan identifying areas for common actions both bilaterally and multilaterally, with a timetable for achieving specific results;

(b) Take all necessary steps to allow the early implementation of this Plan, including any necessary authority to start negotiations.¹

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG 1998-3927]

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee, Subcommittee on Proper Cargo Names

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee's (CTAC) Subcommittee on Proper Cargo Names (PCN) will meet to discuss various issues relating to use of proper cargo names for the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The PCN Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, June 23, 1998, from 9

¹ Nothing in this text constitutes an EU negotiating mandate.

a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting may end early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the U.S. Coast Guard on or before June 19, 1998. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the CTAC Subcommittee should reach the U.S. Coast Guard on or before June 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The Subcommittee will meet at the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060-6008. Point of contact: Mr. Philip G. Rynn; tel.: 281-877-6415; fax.: 281-877-6795. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Curtis Payne, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Curtis Payne, telephone 202-267-1577, fax 202-267-4570. For questions on this docket, contact Ms. Carol Kelly, Coast Guard Dockets Team Leader, or Ms. Paulette Twine, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Meeting Agenda

Subcommittee on Proper Cargo Names (PCN). The agenda includes the following:

(1) Discussion of the industry's cargo naming/identification processes: manufacturers, transfer facilities, tank barge industry, tankship industry.

(2) Root cause analysis of proper cargo name selection.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may end early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify Mr. Payne no later than June 19, 1998. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the U.S. Coast Guard no later than June 19, 1998. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to Mr. Payne no later than June 19, 1998 or make other arrangements with Mr. Payne.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Payne as soon as possible.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Transportation of Hazardous Materials; Designated and Restricted Routes**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides a current listing of all designated and restricted State routes for transporting hazardous materials that have been reported to the FHWA. Periodically updating and publishing this listing is required by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 1975 (HMTA) as amended (49 U.S.C. 5112). The FHWA's regulations (at 49 CFR part 397) include Federal standards and procedures which the States and Indian Tribes must follow if they establish, maintain, or enforce routing

designations that: (1) specify highway routes over which hazardous materials (HM) may, or may not, be transported within their jurisdictions; and/or (2) impose limitations or requirements with respect to highway routing of HM. States and Indian Tribes are also required to furnish updated HM route information to the FHWA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Kenneth Rodgers, Safety and Hazardous Materials Division (HSA-10), Office of Motor Carrier Safety, (202) 366-4016; or Mr. Raymond W. Cuprill, Office of the Chief Counsel, Motor Carrier Law Division (HCC-20), (202) 366-0834, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Access**

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded using a modem and suitable communications software from the **Federal Register** Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the **Federal Register's** home page at: <http://www.nara.gov/nara/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's database at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs. In the near future, the FHWA plans to provide public access to all routing information via the FHWA Home Page

on the Internet at:
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov>.

Section 5112(c) of title 49, United States Code, requires the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the States, to update and publish periodically a list of current effective hazardous materials highway routing designations. In addition, 49 CFR 397.73(b) requires each State or Indian Tribe to furnish information on any new or changed HM routing designations to the FHWA within 60 days after establishment. The FHWA maintains a listing of all current State routing designations and restrictions. In addition, the FHWA has designated a point of contact in each FHWA Division Office to provide local coordination with State agencies and other interested parties.

This notice is being published to provide the public with the FHWA's current list of HM State-designated routes (alphabetically by State) along with the State and Federal points of contact.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 U.S.C. 5112; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued: May 19, 1998.

Gloria J. Jeff,

Deputy Federal Highway Administrator.

**Federal Highway Administration
NRHM Route Registry**

Report Date: 03/26/98

The following key applies to information listed for all 50 states.

RESTRICTION/DESIGNATION KEY

Restrictions	Designations
0—All Hazmats 1—Class 1—Explosives 2—Class 2—Gas 3—Class 3—Flammable 4—Class 4—Flammable solid/Combustible 5—Class 5—Organic 6—Class 6—Poison 7—Class 7—Radioactive 8—Class 8—Corrosives 9—Other i—Inhalants	A—AllHazmats B—Class 1—Explosives I—Inhalants M—Medical Waste P—Preferred Radioactive Route

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