

comment period shall be extended until January 25, 1999.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NYSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-98-32 and should be submitted by January 25, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4955]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council; charter renewal.

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation has renewed the charter for the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) to remain in effect for a period of 2 years from December 1, 1998, until December 1, 2000. NAVSAC is a federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Its purpose is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the prevention of collisions, rammings, and groundings, including inland rules of the road, international rules of the road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Ms. Margie Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC, telephone 202-267-0415, fax 202-267-4700. For questions on viewing the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, 202-366-9329.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1998-4920]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC). NAVSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings, including, but not limited to: Inland Rules of the Road, International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

DATES: Applications and any supporting information must be received on or before February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-M-2), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St., SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-6164; by faxing 202-267-4700, or by e-mail *Jshort@comdt.uscg.mil*. Submit application forms to the same address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Margie Hegy, Executive Director of NAVSAC at 202-267-0415, or LT Robyn Heincy, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-6791, fax 202-267-4700. For questions on viewing, or submitting materials to, the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) is a Federal advisory council constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation, via the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on matters relating to the prevention of vessel collisions, rammings, and groundings, including, but not limited to, Inland Rules of the Road, International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

NAVSAC meets at least twice a year at various locations in the continental United States. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its committees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

The Coast Guard will consider applications for seven positions that expire or become vacant on June 30, 1999. To be eligible, applicants should have expertise in the above mentioned subject areas. To assure balanced representation of subject matter expertise, members are chosen, insofar as practical, from the following groups: (1) Recognized experts and leaders in organizations having an active interest in the Rules of the Road and vessel and port safety; (2) representatives of owners and operators of vessels, professional mariners, recreational boaters, and the recreational boating industry; (3) individuals with an interest in maritime law; and (4) Federal and state officials with responsibility for vessel and port safety.

Each member serves for a term of 3 years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. Members serve without compensation from the Federal Government, although travel reimbursement and per diem may be provided.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Applicants selected may be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Dated: December 22, 1998.

R.C. North,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

**RTCA Special Committee 189/
EUROCAE Working Group 53; Air
Traffic Services Safety and
Interoperability Requirements**

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for a joint Special Committee (SC)-189/EUROCAE Working Group (WG)-53 meeting to be held February 8-12, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m. on February 8. The meeting will be held at MAEVA Latitudes, Seilh (30 kilometers from Toulouse), Route de Grenade, 31840 Seilh, France: (33) 5 62 13 14 15 (phone), (33) 5 61 59 77 97 (fax). The host, Serge Bagieu, Aerospatiale, may be reached at (33) 5 61 18 15 81 (phone), (33) 5 61 93 80 90 (fax), or serge.bagieu@avions.aerospatiale.fr (e-mail).

The agenda will be as follows: Monday, February 8, Opening Plenary Session Convened at 9:00 a.m.: (1) Introductory Remarks; (2) Review and Approval of the Agenda (Monday); (3) Review and Approval of Summary of the Previous Meeting; (4) Sub-Group and Related Reports; (5) Position Papers Planned for Plenary Agreement; (6) SC-189/WG-53 Co-chair Progress Report. Tuesday, February 9-Thursday, February 11: (7) Sub-group Meetings (Sub-group 1, Interoperability Requirements; Sub-group 2, Safety Requirements; Sub-group 3, Performance Requirements). Friday, February 12, Closing Plenary Session: (8) Introductory Remarks; (9) Review and Approval of Agenda (Friday); (10) Review of Preliminary Meeting Minutes; (11) Sub-group and Related Reports; (12) Position Papers Planned for Plenary Agreement; (13) SC-189/WG-53 Co-chair Progress Report and Wrap-up.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairmen, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC

20036, by phone at (202) 833-9339, by fax at (202) 833-9434, or by e-mail at hmoses@rtca.org. Members of the public may present a written statement to the committee at any time.

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Richard A. Cox,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

[Docket No. NHTSA-98-4956, Notice 1]

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**Agency Priorities and Public
Participation in the Implementation of
the 1998 Agreement on Global
Technical Regulations; Statement of
Policy**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for comments; notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: NHTSA is holding a public workshop and soliciting written public comments on a draft statement of policy concerning (1) agency's priorities in the implementation of the United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe 1998 Agreement on Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts, and (2) this agency's activities and practices for facilitating public participation in the implementation of the 1998 Agreement. The policy statement would go into effect when the 1998 Agreement enters into force. The notice also explores other methods for promoting public participation, e.g., the possibility of including members of the public as advisers in the NHTSA delegation.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which, together with NHTSA, negotiated the Agreement for the U.S., will participate in the public workshop. EPA plans to issue a similar statement of policy.

DATES: Public workshop: The public workshop will be held on February 3, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Those wishing to participate in the workshop should contact Ms. Julie Abraham by February 1, 1999.

Written comments: Written comments may be submitted to this agency and must be received by February 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Public workshop: The public workshop will be held in rooms

6200-6204 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington DC 20590.

Written comments: All written comments must refer to the docket and notice number of this notice and be submitted (preferably 2 copies) to the Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. (Docket Room is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Julie Abraham, Director, Office of International Harmonization, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. Telephone: (202) 366-2114. Fax: (202) 366-2106.

Ms. Rebecca MacPherson, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-2992. Fax: (202) 366-3820.

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I. Introduction

A. Opening of the 1998 Agreement for Signature

On June 25, 1998, the U.S. became the first signatory to the United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe (UN/ECE)¹ Agreement Concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts Which Can Be Fitted And/or Be Used on Wheeled Vehicles (the "1998 Agreement"). This agreement was negotiated under the

¹ The Economic Commission for Europe was established by the United Nations in 1947 to help rebuild post-war Europe, develop economic activity and strengthen economic relations between European countries and between them and the other countries of the world.