

**ACTION:** Notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces that the U.S. Coast Guard First District Prevention Department has issued a certificate of alternative compliance from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), for the TUG EXPORTER, Washburn & Doughty Hull 122. We are issuing this notice because its publication is required by statute. Due to the construction and placement of the vessel's side lights, TUG EXPORTER cannot fully comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS without interfering with the vessel's design and construction. This notification of issuance of a certificate of alternative compliance promotes the Coast Guard's marine safety mission.

**DATES:** The Certificate of Alternative Compliance was issued on 8 May, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information or questions about this notice call or email Mr. Kevin Miller, First District Towing Vessel/Barge Safety Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (617) 223-8272, email [Kevin.L.Miller2@uscg.mil](mailto:Kevin.L.Miller2@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States is signatory to the International Maritime Organization's International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS), as amended. The special construction or purpose of some vessels makes them unable to comply with the light, shape, or sound signal provisions of the 72 COLREGS. Under statutory law and Coast Guard regulations, specified 72 COLREGS provisions are not applicable to a vessel of special construction or purpose if the Coast Guard determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with those requirements without interfering with the special function of the vessel.<sup>1</sup>

The owner, builder, operator, or agent of a special construction or purpose vessel may apply to the Coast Guard District Office in which the vessel is being built or operated for a determination that compliance with alternative requirements is justified,<sup>2</sup> and the Chief of the Prevention Division would then issue the applicant a certificate of alternative compliance (COAC) if he or she determines that the vessel cannot comply fully with 72 COLREGS light, shape, and sound signal provisions without interference with the vessel's special function.<sup>3</sup> If the Coast Guard issues a COAC, it must publish

notice of this action in the **Federal Register**.<sup>4</sup>

The First District Prevention Department, U.S. Coast Guard, certifies that the TUG EXPORTER, Washburn & Doughty Hull 122 is a vessel of special construction or purpose, and that, with respect to the position of the vessels side light, it is not possible to comply fully with the requirements of the provisions enumerated in the 72 COLREGS, without interfering with the normal operation, construction, or design of the vessel. The First District Prevention Department further finds and certifies that the vessel's sidelights (13' 5" from the vessel's side mounted on the pilot house) and the vessel's stern light and towing lights (3' 6" aft of frame 20) are in the closest possible compliance with the applicable provisions of the 72 COLREGS.<sup>5</sup>

This notice is issued under authority of 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

Dated: May 8, 2018.

**Byron L. Black,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Prevention Division, First Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2018-0489]

#### Notice of Public Meeting in Preparation for the Sixty-Eighth Session of the IMO's Technical Cooperation Committee Meeting and the One Hundred Twentieth Session of the IMO Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Coast Guard will conduct an open meeting in Washington, DC in preparation for the upcoming sixty-eighth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Technical Cooperation Committee Meeting and the one hundred twentieth session of the IMO Council to be held at the IMO Headquarters, London, United Kingdom, on June 18-20, 2018 and July 2-6, 2018, respectively.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time. This meeting is open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in Room 5L18-01 of the Douglas A.

Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building at St. Elizabeth's, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20593. Due to security requirements, each visitor must present one valid, government-issued photo identification in order to gain entrance to the building. Those desiring to attend the public meeting should contact the Coast Guard ahead of the meeting (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to facilitate the security process related to building access, or to request reasonable accommodation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about this public meeting you may contact Lieutenant Commander Staci Weist by telephone at 202-372-1376 or by email at [Eustacia.Y.Weist@uscg.mil](mailto:Eustacia.Y.Weist@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the upcoming sixty-eighth session of the IMO's Technical Cooperation Committee (TC 68) and the one hundred twentieth session of the IMO Council (C 120). The agenda items of TC 68 include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Work of other bodies and organizations
- Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (Annual report for 2017)
- Sustainable financing of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (Long Term Resource Mobilization Strategy and Analysis of the viability of introducing an access fee to GISIS data)
- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: (Maritime transport policy development, Country Maritime Profiles, Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and Strengthening the impact of women in the maritime sector)
- Partnerships (Regional presence and coordination and Partnership arrangements)
- IMO Member State Audit Scheme
- Review and status of implementation of the recommendations of the Impact Assessment Exercise for the period 2012-2015
- Global maritime training institutions (World Maritime University, IMO International Maritime Law Institute, and other established arrangements)
- Development of a New Strategic Framework for the Organization for 2018-2023
- Application of the document on the Organization and method of work of the Technical Cooperation Committee
- Work programme
- Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2019

<sup>1</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605.

<sup>2</sup> 33 CFR 81.5.

<sup>3</sup> 33 CFR 81.9.

<sup>4</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605(c) and 33 CFR 81.18.

<sup>5</sup> 33 U.S.C. 1605(a); 33 CFR 81.9.

- Any other business
  - Consideration of the report of the Committee on its sixty-eighth session. The agenda items of C120 include:
    - Adoption of the agenda
    - Election of the Vice-Chair of the Council
    - Report of the Secretary-General on credentials
    - Strategy, planning and reform
    - Rules of Procedure of the Assembly
    - Resource Management: (Human resources matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, Financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period ending December 31, 2017, Report on investments for 2017, Report on the status of Member States' contributions and implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention, and advances to the Working Capital Fund, Budget considerations for 2018, and Resource management—review of funds and ASHI liability funding strategy)
    - IMO Member State Audit Scheme
    - Consideration of the report of the Facilitation Committee
    - Consideration of the report of the Legal Committee
    - Consideration of the report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee
    - Consideration of the report of the Maritime Safety Committee
    - Consideration of the report of the Technical Cooperation Committee
    - Technical Cooperation Fund: Report on activities of the 2017 programme
    - Word Maritime University
    - IMO International Maritime Law Institute
    - Protection of vital shipping lanes
    - External relations
    - Report on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization
    - Report on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions
    - Place, date and duration of the next session of the Council (C 121)
    - Supplementary agenda items, if any
- Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, Lieutenant Commander Staci Weist, not later than June 8, 2018. Requests made after June 8, 2018, may not be able to be accommodated. It is recommended that attendees arrive at Coast Guard Headquarters no later than 30 minutes

ahead of the scheduled meeting for the security screening process. Parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO public meetings may be found at: [www.uscg.mil/imo](http://www.uscg.mil/imo).

**Benjamin J. Hawkins,**  
*Acting Deputy Director, Commercial Regulations and Standards, U.S. Coast Guard.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA–4361–DR; Docket ID FEMA–2018–0001]

### Kentucky; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky (FEMA–4361–DR), dated April 26, 2018, and related determinations.

**DATES:** The declaration was issued April 26, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dean Webster, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646–2833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated April 26, 2018, the President issued a major disaster declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the “Stafford Act”), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the Commonwealth of Kentucky resulting from severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, landslides, and mudslides during the period of February 21 to March 21, 2018, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.* (the “Stafford Act”). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas and

Hazard Mitigation throughout the Commonwealth. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance also will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs, with the exception of projects that meet the eligibility criteria for a higher Federal cost-sharing percentage under the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal implemented pursuant to section 428 of the Stafford Act.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration for the approved assistance to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrator, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Manny J. Toro, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this major disaster.

The following areas of the Commonwealth of Kentucky have been designated as adversely affected by this major disaster:

Boyd, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Campbell, Carlisle, Carroll, Carter, Crittenden, Fulton, Gallatin, Grant, Graves, Greenup, Hancock, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Hickman, Jefferson, Kenton, Lawrence, Livingston, McCracken, McLean, Metcalfe, Ohio, Owen, Spencer, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Washington, and Webster Counties for Public Assistance.

All areas within the Commonwealth of Kentucky are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

**Brock Long,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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