

This is our first finding under section 202(t) of the Social Security Act for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Before February 1994, the United States did not recognize the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as an independent nation. At that time, it was considered part of the former Yugoslavia which, on March 25, 1959, had been found to have a system that met section 202(t)(2) of the Social Security Act. Thus, prior to February 1994, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia citizens were afforded the social insurance exception to the alien nonpayment provision based on the determination which was then in effect for Yugoslavia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Powers, Room 1104, West High Rise Building, P.O. Box 17741, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235, (410) 965-3568.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: Program Nos. 96.001 Social Security—Disability Insurance; 96.002 Social Security—Retirement Insurance; 96.004 Social Security—Survivors Insurance)

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James A. Kissko,

Associate Commissioner for International Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee Ports and Waterways Safety Systems ad hoc Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings location change.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee Ports and Waterways Safety System ad hoc Committee will hold 7 meetings to develop a baseline Vessel Traffic Service system for the Lower Mississippi river area. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 1997, Thursday, February 20, 1997, Friday, March 7, 1997, Friday, March 21, 1997, Wednesday April 2, 1997, Thursday, April 17, 1997 and Tuesday, April 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meetings location has changed. The new location will be the

23rd floor boardroom of Tidewater Marine Inc., 1440 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Monty Ledet, USCG, Administrator, Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee, c/o Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District (m), Room 1341, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130-3396, telephone (504) 589-4686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings are given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 1 *et seq.* The meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide oral or written comments to a committee representative in advance of the meeting. Due to time constraints, only written comments will be received during a meeting. Written comments presented during a meeting will be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

The agenda for the meeting consists of the following items:

- (1) Presentation of the committee charter.
- (2) Review of previous meeting minutes.
- (3) Committee discussions.
- (4) Adjournment.

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 the Committee Administrator as soon as possible.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

T.W. Josiah,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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Minimum Requirements and Capabilities for Vessel Traffic Services

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is undertaking an effort to identify the minimum requirements and capabilities a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) must have to serve its wide range of users and to develop criteria to identify ports requiring a VTS. This effort will form the basis for the Coast Guard to propose to Congress a viable production program for a VTS that takes advantage of available, off-the-shelf and open architecture systems that are

inexpensive and easy to build and operate. The Coast Guard has invited representatives of maritime and environmental organizations and members of the public to provide input on these topics. The first public meeting on these topics was held on January 15, 1997. Several additional public meetings are planned.

DATES: The Coast Guard will sponsor a public meeting to be held on February 11, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marine Board, National Academy of Sciences Foundry Building, 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington, DC, in room 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on VTS, contact Mike Sollosi, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Vessel Traffic Management, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington DC. Telephone (202) 267-1539, FAX (202) 267-4826. For information on the meeting, contact Peter Johnson, Marine Board, National Academy of Sciences, 2001 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Telephone (202) 334-3157, FAX (202) 334-3789.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

J.C. Card,

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

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Research and Special Programs Administration

Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Applications for Modification of Exemptions or Applications To Become a Party to an Exemption

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: List of applications for modification of exemptions or applications to become a party to an exemption.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, exemptions from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 107, Subpart B), notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the applications described herein. This notice is abbreviated to expedite docketing and public notice. Because the sections affected, modes of transportation, and the nature of application have been shown in earlier Federal Register publications, they are