

- (a) By order approve such proposed rule change or
- (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 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 the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ISCC. All submissions should refer to the file number (ISCC-96-05) and should be submitted by June 6, 1997.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2544]

##### Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; International Harmonization of Chemical Safety and Health Information

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES); Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting regarding Government Activities on International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems.

**SUMMARY:** This public meeting follows the close of the comment period on this subject on June 2, 1997. The **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997 contained

Department of State Public Notice 2526 on pages 15951-15957. Please refer to the notice for more complete information on the harmonization process. The meeting will offer the opportunity for interested organizations and individuals to provide information and views for consideration in the development of U.S. government policy positions in follow-up to the above-mentioned **Federal Register** notice.

The date of the meeting is June 5, 1997. It will be held at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC, in room S4215ABC. Use the entrance at C and Third Streets, NW. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. government building pass if applicable. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and is scheduled to last two hours.

Participants in the meeting may submit written comments as well as speak on topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems. Representatives of the following agencies will participate in the meeting: The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of State, Department of Commerce, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Agriculture, U.S. Trade Representative, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The agenda will include an update on the progress of harmonization efforts, comments received in response to the April 3 **Federal Register** notice, and a review of upcoming international meetings.

For further information, please contact Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20520, Phone: (202) 647-9278, fax: (202) 647-5947.

Comments in writing may be submitted to Ms. Lowe at the address or fax number provided above.

Dated: May 8, 1997.

**Michael Metelits,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2542]

##### Shipping Coordinating Committee Council and Associated Bodies; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, in Room 1103, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize preparations for the 78th session of the Council and the 44th Session of the Technical Cooperation Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which are scheduled for June 23-27, 1997, at IMO Headquarters in London. At the meeting, discussions will focus on papers received and draft U.S. positions. Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- a. Reports of the IMO committees.
- b. Review of the IMO technical cooperation activities.
- c. Relations with the United Nations.
- d. Reports for World Maritime University and International Maritime Law Institute.
- e. Work program and budget for 1998-1999.
- f. Administrative and financial matters.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Gene F. Hammel, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-CI), 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 2114, Washington, DC 20593-0001, by calling: (202) 267-2280, or by faxing: (202) 267-4588.

Dated: May 6, 1997.

**Russell A. LaMantia,**

*Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2540]

##### Preparation of Special Report on the Regional Impacts of Climate Change

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, State.

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of draft report and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has prepared a Special Report on the Regional Impacts of Climate Change. The IPCC Secretariat requires comments on this report from

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).