

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2548]

Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers (DSC) of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 1997, in Room 6246, at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the outcome of the Second Session of the DSC Subcommittee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which was held February 24-28, 1997, at the IMO Headquarters in London. In addition, initial plans and preparations for the Third Session (DSC3) and other topics of interest, will be addressed.

The agenda items of particular interest are:

a. Amendment 29 to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

b. Implementation of Annex III of the Marine Pollution Convention (MARPOL 73/78).

c. Development of measures complementary to the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code.

d. Amendments to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) chapters VI and VII.

e. Bulk carrier safety: need for fitting water level alarms in cargo holds.

f. Revision of the format of the IMDG Code.

g. Loading and unloading of bulk cargoes.

h. Cargo securing manual.

i. Reports on incidents involving dangerous goods or marine pollutants in packaged form on board ships or in port areas.

j. Evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargoes.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. E.P. Pfersich, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-3), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-1577.

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Russell A. La Mantia,*Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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[Public Notice No. 2547]

Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 5, 1997, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to report on the 75th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which was held April 21-25, 1997, in London, regarding financial responsibility for seagoing vessels, compensation for pollution from ships' bunkers, a draft convention on wreck removal, and other matters. This meeting will also be a further opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, for copies of conference documents, or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, communicate with either Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., or Lieutenant Commander Bruce P. Dalcher, U.S. Coast Guard (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593, telephone (202) 267-1527, telefax (202) 267-4496.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Notice of Meeting of the Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Customs Matters (IFAC 1)**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Functional Advisory Committee on Customs

Matters (IFAC 1) will hold a meeting on June 16, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for June 16, 1997, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce in Room 1861, located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Gardner, Department of Commerce, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-3681 or Suzanna Kang, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IFAC 1 will hold a meeting on June 16, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public and press during this time. Agenda topics to be addressed will be:

1. Customs Valuation Issues
2. Rules of Origin Work Program
3. Pre-Shipment Inspection Concerns
4. Harmonized System Committee Activities
5. Intellectual Property Rights from a Customs Perspective

Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

Phyllis Shearer Jones,*Assistant United States Trade Representative, Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary****Partnership Council Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Transportation (DOT) announces a meeting of the DOT Partnership Council (the Council). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

TIME AND PLACE: The Council will meet on Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, rooms 6244-6249, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The rooms are located on the 6th floor.