

social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Shirlett Brewer at (202) 647-8345 or by fax at (202) 647-0158. All attendees must use the "C" Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency ID.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385.

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Timothy C. Finton,

Executive Secretary.

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Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) Study Group on Electronic Commerce; Meeting Notice

The Study Group on Electronic Commerce of the Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL) will hold its next meeting from 9:30 to 4:00 on Thursday, April 16 in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting will be to review international proposals for rules on electronic signature systems.

The meeting will consider authentication, message integrity, sender and user rights and obligations, and the evolving roles of third party system designers and service providers, as well as differing standards that may be appropriate for commercial and governmental applications. Both international and domestic developments will be reviewed, given the close connection between them in an era of globalization of commerce, information, and borderless connections through data networks. The status of ongoing projects at various international bodies, both intergovernmental and private sector, including UNCITRAL, OECD, the ICC and others will be reviewed. The meeting will focus on revised draft rules on electronic signatures prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), which will be discussed at an upcoming UNCITRAL Working Group meeting at the U.N. in June 1998. Included in that discussion will be a U.S. proposal for a multilateral treaty (convention) that could include provisions of the 1996 UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce, and possibly other provisions.

Also on the agenda will be a review, as appropriate, of the latest developments in state legislatures within the U.S.; draft uniform state laws under preparation, including the proposed new Uniform Commercial Code Article 2B and Electronic Transactions Act; developments in other national legal systems; and electronic commerce initiatives of the Department of Commerce and others.

Proposals on electronic commerce infrastructure, including access to markets, message integrity, and privacy issues that are expected to be discussed at the OECD in October will also be reviewed as appropriate. Suggestions on possible legal standards for determining applicable law and jurisdiction in a cross-border setting may be considered.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee Study Group is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room. Members of the public who cannot attend are welcome to comment, including any recommendations for possible U.S. positions on these matters. The meeting will take place at the International Law Institute (ILI), 1615 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Persons who expect to attend should advise either the Office of the Legal Adviser (L/PIL) at Suite 357, South Building, 2430 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037-2800, fax (202) 776-8482, or Stuart Kerr at ILI, (202) 483-3036, fax 483-3029. The Office of the Legal Adviser will provide copies of, or e-mail and other sources for, UN, NCCUSL and related documents for the meeting. For further information, please contact Harold Burman, Advisory Committee Executive Director, at (202) 776-8421.

The meeting will take place immediately prior to meeting in Washington, DC on April 17-19 of the National Conference of Commissioners Drafting Group on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) on the proposed Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA). Attendees at the Study Group meeting or others who may be interested in the UETA meeting should contact Patricia Fry at the Stetson University College of Law, (813) 562-7893, fax 813-347-3738, or D. Benjamin Beard at the University of Idaho Law School, 208-885-6423, fax 885-7609.

Harold S. Burman,

Advisory Committee, Executive Director.

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Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment; Meeting Notice

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to present the results of the forty-first session of the Subcommittee on Ship Design and Equipment of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) held during March 9-13, 1998, at IMO Headquarters in London, United Kingdom. This public meeting will commence following the public meeting scheduled for the morning which is preparing for the upcoming session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee.

Among other things, items of particular interest are: role of the human element in maritime casualties—guidelines for computer applications; revision of the High Speed Craft Code; matters relating to lifesaving; safety of passenger submersible craft; safe ocean towing guidelines; emergency towing arrangements for tankers; and development of a code on polar navigation.

IMO works to develop international agreements, guidelines, and standards for the marine industry. In most cases, these form the basis for class society rules and national standards/regulations. Such an open meeting supports the U.S. Representative to the IMO Subcommittee in developing the U.S. position on those issues raised at the IMO Subcommittee meetings. This open meeting serves as an excellent forum for the U.S. maritime industry to express their ideas and participate in the international rulemaking process. All members of the maritime industry are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the development of U.S. positions on those issues affecting your maritime industry and remain abreast of all activities ongoing within the IMO.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Wayne Lundy, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE-3), 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-2206.