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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3080]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 18, 1999, in room 6319 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 27th session of the Facilitation Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is scheduled for 6-10 September, 1999, at the IMO Headquarters in London. Discussions will focus on papers received and draft U.S. positions.

Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic
- Consideration and Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Annex to the Convention
- EDI Messages for the Clearance of Ships
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines
- General Review of the Convention
- Formalities Connected with the Arrival, Stay and Departure of Ships
- Formalities Related to Cargo—Facilitation Aspects of the Multimodal Transport of Dangerous Goods
- Formalities Connected with the Arrival, Stay and Departure of Persons—Stowaways

- Facilitation Aspects of Other IMO Forms and Certificates—Harmonized Reporting Format
- Ship-Port Interface
- Technical Co-Operation Sub-Programme for Facilitation

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Chief, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSR), Room 1400, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling Mr. David A. Du Pont at: (202) 267-0971.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3081]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea, Working Group on Safety of Navigation; Notice of Meeting

The Working Group on Safety of Navigation of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 12, 1999, in room 6103 U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 45th session of the Subcommittee on Safety of Navigation (NAV) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which is scheduled for September 20-24, 1999, at the IMO Headquarters in London.

Items of principal interest on the agenda are:

- Routing of ships, ship reporting, and related matters
  - Amendments to the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 (72 COLREGS)
  - Revision of SOLAS chapter V
  - Ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout
  - Navigational aids and related matters
  - International Telecommunication Union (ITU) matters including Radiocommunication ITU-R Study Group 8
  - Training and certification of maritime pilots and revision of resolution A.485(XII)
  - Safety of passenger submersible craft
- Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating

capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Edward J. LaRue, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard (G-MOV-3), Room 1407, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling: (202) 267-0416.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Safety Performance Standards Program Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will answer questions from the public and the automobile industry regarding the agency's vehicle regulatory program.

**DATES:** The Agency's regular, quarterly public meeting relating to its vehicle regulatory program will be held on Thursday, September 16, 1999, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending at approximately 12:00 p.m., at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, McLean, VA. Questions relating to the vehicle regulatory program must be submitted in writing with a diskette (Wordperfect) by Thursday, August 19, 1999, to the address shown below or by e-mail. If sufficient time is available, questions received after August 19 may be answered at the meeting. The individual, group or company submitting a question(s) does not have to be present for the question(s) to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by August 19, 1999, and the issues to be discussed, will be posted on NHTSA's web site ([www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)) by Monday, September 13, 1999, and also will be available at the meeting. The regulatory program meeting will take place on Thursday, December 16, 1999 at the Clarion Hotel, Romulus, MI.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions for the September 16, NHTSA Rulemaking Status Meeting, relating to the agency's vehicle regulatory program, should be submitted to Delia Lopez, NPS-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 5401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC