

engage in charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between any point or points in Mexico and any point or points in the United States, and in other charter trips in foreign air transportation.

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*Date Filed:* August 5, 1999.

*Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope:* September 2, 1999.

*Description:* Application of Societe Air France pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41302, Part 211 and Subpart Q, applies for amendment of its foreign air carrier permit to engage in foreign air transportation: (1) Of person, property and mail from points behind France via a point or points in France to a point or points in the United States, and beyond to two points in the Western Hemisphere, points in the French Department of America and points in the French Territories in the Pacific. (2) Of property and mail from points behind France via a point or points in France and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States, and beyond. (3) Of persons, property and mail from points behind the French Department of America via a point or points in the French Department of America and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond. (4) Of persons, property and mail from points behind French Polynesia via French Polynesia and intermediate points to a point in the United States and beyond. *Provided, that* all such services are operated in conformity with the provisions and annexes of the Air Transport Agreement between the United States and France dated June 18, 1998.

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*Federal Register Liaison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-6064]

#### Towing Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** TSAC will meet on Thursday, September 16, 1999, from 8 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. The working groups will meet on Wednesday, September 15, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 7, 1999. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 3, 1999. **ADDRESSES:** TSAC will meet in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC. The working groups will begin meeting in the same room and may move to separate spaces designated at that time. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Assistant Executive Director, Commandant (G-MSO-1), Room 1210, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gerald P. Miente, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

#### Agendas of Meetings

*Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and working group meetings.*

The agendas tentatively include the following:

- (1) Introduction of the new Executive Director.
- (2) Progress report of the Voyage Planning Work Group.
- (3) Progress report of the Electronic Charting Work Group.
- (4) Progress report from the Tug Assistance and Remote Anchor Work Group.
- (5) Progress report of the Communications Work Group.
- (6) Progress report of the Casualty Analysis Work Group.
- (7) Status update on Cargo Securing Practices.

#### Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chairs' discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Assistant Executive Director no later than September 7, 1999. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach

the Coast Guard no later than September 3, 1999. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director no later than August 27, 1999.

#### Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: August 9, 1999.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-6060]

#### Interference to Maritime Global Positioning System (GPS) Navigation by Mobile Satellite System (MSS) Phones and Other Electronic Devices

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard requests comments regarding actual or potential interference to Global Positioning System (GPS)-based maritime navigation systems, caused by Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) telephones and other electronic devices on vessels. Telephones using satellites for transmission (not land-based cellular telephones) and other electronic devices may block or interfere with radio wave signals provided to GPS and Differential GPS (DGPS) receivers. This interference has the potential to adversely affect the safe navigation and operation of vessels that use GPS (including DGPS) for positioning, autopilot input, or Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponders that communicate ship position and navigation information to other AIS-equipped vessels or to shore-based Vessel Traffic Services.

**DATES:** Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before November 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail your comments to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401 on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building between 9 a.m.