

negotiations in any of these areas, or further progress with respect to implementation of these Agreements. For a complete list of WTO Agreements, Committees and their work programs, see USTR's 2000 Annual Report, available at <http://www.ustr.gov>.

(4) *Development and Related Issues.* Comments are requested on ways to facilitate the participation of poorer, less advanced and least developed countries in the WTO, including making the WTO more responsive to development concerns raised as a result of the debate on globalization. Comments should take into account work that has been conducted to integrate the technical assistance provided by various international organizations, including the WTO. Areas for comment could include provision of additional capacity building and market access opportunities, the possible graduation of countries from preference programs, the broader issue of integrating trade into poverty reduction strategies with other institutions, and enhancing the work of the WTO with other international institutions such as the IMF, IBRD, UNCTAD, ILO and UNEP, to be more responsive to the development needs of WTO Members.

(5) *Systemic Issues/Institutional Reform.* Comments are requested on the institutional issues raised regarding the WTO in terms of its openness and accountability, including its outreach to citizens and in dispute settlement. The United States continues to seek institutional improvements to the WTO, while preserving its intergovernmental nature. For example, the United States has consistently called for the WTO to build upon past progress by: (i) Expanding the range of WTO documents available to the public; (ii) strengthening the guidelines for consultations with non-governmental organizations (NGOs); (iii) enhancing the WTO's program of symposia and consultations on specific topics of mutual interest; (iv) expanding and improving the use of Internet facilities to reach more stakeholders in more creative ways; and (v) broadening the range of WTO meetings and events that would be open to the public. Another area of interest relates to relations among WTO Members and improvements to internal consultative processes, including the establishment of new institutional arrangements within the WTO that would build upon the general practice of operating on the basis of a consensus of all Members.

(6) *Singapore Work Program Issues (Investment, Competition, Transparency in Government Procurement and Trade Facilitation) and Electronic Commerce.*

Comments are requested with respect to next steps on issues added to the WTO's agenda at the 1996 and 1998 Ministerial Meetings in Singapore and Geneva, respectively. Comments should address the nature, objectives and direction of any further work to be undertaken with respect to the issues raised in the context of the work of the working groups established on trade and investment, trade and competition policy, transparency in government procurement, the exploratory work undertaken by the WTO to assess the scope for WTO rules in the area of trade facilitation, and the work program on e-commerce. Some WTO Members have suggested negotiations on these points, and the TPSC welcomes views on the desirability of such negotiations. Working groups on investment, competition and transparency in government procurement continue to operate. With respect to transparency in government procurement, Members have agreed to identify the elements of a possible agreement, but have not yet agreed to move to conclude such an agreement.

(6) *Other Issues.* Comments are welcome on other issues that respondents believe would be appropriate to raise with respect to the future work program of the WTO. The TPSC's aim is to be as inclusive as possible in providing opportunity for public comment with respect to the ministerial agenda and objectives.

Written Comments

Submitters need not duplicate submissions provided in response to the March 28, 2000 solicitation regarding objectives for the mandated negotiations in agriculture and services and potential industrial market access negotiation, nor the June 8, 2000 submissions related to transparency. Persons submitting written comments should provide twenty (20) copies no later than May 10, 2001 to Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20508. Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room, in Room 3 of the annex of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, 1724 H Street, Northwest, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb at 202-395-6186. The Reading Room is open to the public from 10-12 and from 1-4, Monday through Friday.

Business confidential information will be subject to the requirements of 15 CFR 2003.6. If the submission contains business confidential information, it must be accompanied by twenty copies of a public version that does not contain business confidential information. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included with the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and bottom of the cover page (or letter) and each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page "Public Version" or "Non-Confidential."

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-9284]

Coast Guard Advisory to Recreational Boaters on Fuel Leak Hazard Involving Evinrude FICHT 200 Horsepower and 225 Horsepower Outboard Motors

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Consumer advisory notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to alert owners and operators of boats powered by 1999 or 2000 Evinrude FICHT 200 horsepower and 225 horsepower outboard motors about a fuel leak problem that causes a potential fire and explosion hazard. There is evidence that fuel leaks affecting these outboard models have resulted in fires and explosions that, in some cases, caused personal injuries. The Coast Guard advises owners and operators to cease using 1999 or 2000 Evinrude FICHT 200 horsepower and 225 horsepower outboard motors until such time as the defect is corrected. Normally, the Coast Guard would notify the Outboard Motor Company (OMC), the Evinrude outboard manufacturer, of the need to conduct a safety recall of the defective motors. However, OMC filed for bankruptcy in December 2000, and the Evinrude engine line has since been purchased by Bombardier Motor Corporation of America. Bombardier has accepted responsibility for the recall and will be notifying affected outboard owners of the recall in the near future.

Bombardier reports that several thousand of the affected outboards have previously been corrected by OMC through the installation of an upgrade kit. The Coast Guard warns all boaters that there is a serious danger of a fire or explosion with continued use of uncorrected 1999 and 2000 model year Evinrude FICHT 200 horsepower and 225 horsepower outboard motors that could result in serious injury or death.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Cappel, Chief, Recreational Boating Product Assurance Division, Commandant (G-OPB-3), 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593, telephone (202) 267-0988, e-mail pcappel@comdt.uscg.mil. The docket, USCG-2001-9284, is available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard recently learned that in November 2000 the Outboard Marine Corporation sent a "service upgrade bulletin" to its Evinrude outboard motor dealers concerning the company's 1999 and 2000 model year 200 and 225 horsepower models. The upgrade was intended to "reduce the likelihood of fuel leaks, which can be a potentially hazardous condition." After further investigation, the Coast Guard learned that between July 1999 and December 2000 OMC had received reports of an unacceptably high number of fires and explosions involving the company's 1999 and 2000 model year Evinrude FICHT 200 and 225 horsepower models.

The Coast Guard has the legal authority to require manufacturers of boats and engines to notify owners and to recall and repair or replace products that contain defects which create a substantial risk of personal injury to the public, or which fail to comply with an applicable U.S. Coast Guard safety standard. The Coast Guard has determined that the problems involving the 1999 and 2000 model year Evinrude FICHT 200 and 225 horsepower motors constitute a defect that creates a substantial risk of injury to the public. Under normal circumstances, the Coast Guard would notify OMC that a safety recall was necessary and would pursue the correction of this defect via OMC. However, OMC filed for bankruptcy in federal court in December 2000 and has since sold its Evinrude and Johnson outboard engine lines to Bombardier Motor Corporation of America.

Bombardier has agreed to accept responsibility for this recall and will be notifying affected Evinrude owners in the near future. Bombardier reports that they intend to distribute upgrade kits to dealers that will correct this problem and that several thousand of the affected outboards have previously been corrected by OMC through the installation of these upgrade kits.

The Coast Guard warns all boaters that there is a serious danger of a fire or explosion with continued use of uncorrected 1999 and 2000 model year Evinrude FICHT 200 horsepower and 225 horsepower outboard motors that could result in serious injury or death.

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 4310(e).

Dated: March 29, 2001.

Kenneth T. Venuto,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Operations Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2001-9268]

Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee (CFIVAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to commercial vessel safety in the fishing industry. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES: CFIVAC will meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 3, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 16, 2001. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 23, 2001. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: CFIVAC will meet in the Doubletree Hotel, 1230 Congress Street, Portland, ME. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Captain Jon Sarubbi, Commandant (G-MOC), 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: Captain Jon Sarubbi, Executive Director

of CFIVAC, or Lieutenant Commander Jennifer Williams, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0507, fax (202) 267-0506.

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

Agenda of Meeting

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Introduction, recognition of committee members achievements, and approval of last meeting's minutes.

(2) Tour of Portland's fishing piers and fish auction.

(3) Status report from the Coast Guard on legislative change proposal process and regulatory projects with respect to mandatory exams, training requirements, stability requirements, and immersion suit requirements.

(4) Presentation by the Coast Guard on "Operation Safe Crab" conducted in the Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

(5) Presentation by LCDR Jennifer Lincoln, NIOSH, on prevention studies conducted by NIOSH.

(6) Presentation of Portland, ME, concept for a safety training center for fishermen.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than April 16, 2001. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 23, 2001. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than April 9, 2001.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

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

Dated: March 27, 2001.

J.P. High,

Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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