

limits of compensation under the 1992 protocols to the 1969 International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage and the 1971 International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage. If results are submitted, the Legal Committee will study the survey conducted by the Comité Maritime International on the potential legal issues surrounding the topic of places of refuge. The Legal Committee will then turn its attention to the status of the implementation of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection With the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea. Time also will be allotted to address any other issues on the Legal Committee's work program.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Due to building security, it is recommended that those who plan on attending call or send an e-mail two days ahead of the meeting so that we may place your name on a list for security personnel to reference. For further information please contact Captain Joseph F. Ahern or Lieutenant Carolyn Leonard-Cho, at U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; e-mail

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Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3916]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the outcome of the forty-sixth session of the International Maritime Organization's Subcommittee on Fire Protection, held February 4-8, 2002. Preparations for the next session will also be discussed.

The meeting will focus on proposed amendments to the 1974 International

Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) concerning the fire safety of commercial vessels. Specific discussion areas include:

- Recommendation on evacuation analysis for new and existing passenger vessels;
- Smoke control and ventilation;
- Unified interpretations to SOLAS chapter II-2 and related fire test procedures;
- Analysis of fire casualty records;
- Large passenger ship safety; and
- Performance testing and approval standards for fire safety systems.

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 Design and Engineering Standards, Commandant (G-MSE-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, by calling: LCDR Brian Gilda at (202) 267-1444, or by visiting the following World Wide Web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mse4/stdimofp.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Advisory Circular: Systems and Equipment Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed advisory circular (AC) and request for comments on proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 23-17A.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and request for comments on a proposed AC, Advisory Circular (AC) 23-17A, Systems and Equipment Guide for Certification of Part 23 Airplanes. Proposed Advisory Circular 23-17A provides information and guidance concerning acceptable means, but not the only means, of showing compliance with part 23 applicable to Subpart D from § 23.671 and Subpart F.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification

Service, Regulations & Policy (ACE-111), 901 Locust Street, Kansas City, MO 64106.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Taylor, Regulations & Policy (ACE-111), Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration; telephone number (816) 329-4134.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person may obtain a copy of this proposed AC either by downloading it from the Web site at http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/small_airplane_directorate_news_proposed.html or by contacting the person named above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Comments Invited

We invite interested parties to submit comments on the proposed AC. Commenters must identify AC 23-17A and submit comments to the address specified above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments before issuing the final AC. By making prior arrangements with the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, the proposed AC and comments received may be inspected in the Standards Office (ACE-110), Room 301, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri, between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 p.m. weekdays, except on Federal holidays.

Background

The Federal Aviation Administration reviewed the airworthiness standards of part 23 in 1968. Since then, the standards have been amended several times. Accordingly, the FAA is proposing and requesting comments on AC 23-17A, which will provide guidance for the original issue of part 23 and the various amendments up through Amendment 23-53. The amended version of the advisory circular covers policy available through June 30, 2001. Policy available after that date will be covered in future amendments to the advisory circular.

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