

necessary and appropriate in order to protect customers.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

NFA worked with industry representatives in developing the rule changes. NFA did not, however, publish the rule changes to the membership for comment. NFA did not receive comment letters concerning the rule changes.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The proposed rule change will become effective upon approval by the CFTC. Within 60 days of the date of effectiveness of the proposed rule change, the Commission, after consultation with the CFTC, may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change and require that the proposed rule change be refiled in accordance with the provisions of section 19(b)(1) of the Exchange Act.¹⁰

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change conflicts with the Exchange Act. Persons making written submissions should file nine copies of the submission with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments also may be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of these filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NFA. Electronically submitted comments will be posted on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NFA-2002-02 and should be submitted by May 7, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3959]

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The Department of State announces the meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy on Thursday, April 25, 2002, in Room 600, 301 4th St., SW., Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Commission, reauthorized pursuant to Public Law 106-113 (H.R. 3194, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2000), will provide a general update on the effectiveness of public diplomacy initiatives as well as discuss potential areas of examination for the remainder of the Commissioners' terms of office.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting, though attendance of public members will be limited to the seating available. Access to the building is controlled, and individual building passes are required for all attendees.

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is a bipartisan, Presidentially-appointed panel created by Congress in 1948 to provide oversight of U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform and influence foreign publics. The Commission reports its findings and recommendations to the President, the Congress and the Secretary of State and the American people. Current commission members include Harold Pachios of Maine, who is the chairman; Charles Dolan of Virginia, who is the vice chairman; Penne Percy Korth of Washington, DC, Lewis Manilow of Illinois and Maria Elena Torano of Florida.

For more information, please contact Matt Lauer at (202) 619-4463.

Dated: April 10, 2002.

Matthew Lauer,

Executive Director, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Spokesman

[Public Notice 3964]

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy Endorses Freedom Protection Act of 2002

To promote a stronger communications effort abroad to educate and inform foreign publics, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy announced on April 8, 2002, its support for the Freedom Promotion Act of 2002 (H.R. 3969). The bill has been introduced by Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL), chairman of the House International Relations Committee.

The Commission specifically endorsed Section 105 of the bill, which significantly enhances the consultative and reporting roles of the Commission through specific new requirements, which include collaboration with the Government Accounting Office and mandated support to the Commission from the Department of State, International Broadcasting Agency and other agencies.

"The Hyde bill enables the Commission to fulfill its mission as an oversight authority of the activities that inform and influence foreign publics," said Harold C. Pachios, chairman of the Commission. "In order to properly develop the reports and the insight necessary to support American public diplomacy efforts, the Commission needs the strong collaboration of the agencies that it helps to oversee."

Section 105 of the bill also requires that at least four of the seven Commission members have substantial experience in the field of public diplomacy.

"To enable our nation to effectively connect with foreign audiences, we need the best minds in opinion research, public relations, diplomacy and advertising," said Pachios. "By requiring that at least a majority of the Commission members have substantial experience communicating with mass audiences, we will ensure that the Commission will always have the necessary expertise to cast the critical, yet helpful, eye on our public diplomacy initiatives."

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¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(75).

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Dated: April 10, 2002.

Matthew Lauer,

Executive Director, U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGD08-02-009]

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee Meetings

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Houston / Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss waterway improvements, aids to navigation, area projects impacting safety on the Houston Ship Channel, and various other navigation safety matters in the Galveston Bay area. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The next meeting of HOGANSAC will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. (noon). The meeting of the Committee's working groups will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may present written or oral statements at either meeting.

ADDRESSES: The full Committee meeting will be held at the Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Drive, La Porte, Texas (281-471-1255). The working groups' meeting will be held at the Offices of the Houston Pilots, 8150 South Loop East, Houston, Texas (713-645-9620).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Kevin Cook, Executive Director of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5199, Commander Peter Simons, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5164, or Lieutenant Junior Grade Kelly Tobey, assistant to the Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone (713) 671-5103, e-mail katobey@vtshouston.uscg.mil.

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

Agendas of the Meetings

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC). The tentative agenda includes the following:

- (1) Opening remarks by the Committee Sponsor (RADM Casto) (or the Committee Sponsor's representative), Executive Director (CAPT Cook) and Chairman (Tim Leitzell).
- (2) Approval of the February 7, 2002 minutes.
- (3) Old Business:
 - (a) Dredging projects.
 - (b) Electronic navigation.
 - (c) AtoN Knockdown Working Group.
 - (d) Mooring subcommittee report.
 - (e) Bolivar Roads anchorage areas.
 - (f) Recreational boating education initiative.

- (g) Port Security Subcommittee report.
- (h) Bridge Allision Working Group.
- (i) Hurricane Port Condition Management.

- (4) New Business:
 - (a) Swimmers near Lynchburg.
 - (b) Corps of Engineers survey data reporting.

Working Groups Meeting. The tentative agenda for the working groups meeting includes the following:

- (1) Presentation by each working group of its accomplishments and plans for the future.
- (2) Review and discuss the work completed by each working group.

Procedural

Working groups have been formed to examine the following issues: dredging and related issues, electronic navigation systems, AtoN knockdowns, impact of passing vessels on moored ships, recreational boater education issues, and port security. Not all working groups will necessarily report out at this session, however, working group discussions not reported out at this May meeting will be addressed at a future meeting of HOGANSAC. Further, working group reports may not necessarily include discussions on all issues within the particular working group's area of responsibility. All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make presentations, oral or written, at either meeting.

Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director, Executive Secretary, or assistant to the Executive Secretary.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

Roy J. Casto,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Advisory Circular (AC) 20-97B, Aircraft Tire Maintenance and Operational Practices

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed AC and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed AC that describes the minimum recommended tire care and maintenance practices needed to assure the safety of support personnel and the continued airworthiness of aircraft. The AC sets forth criteria for the installation, inflation, inspection, maintenance, and removal of aircraft tires, as well as criteria for the maintenance of the operating environment needed to maintain safe aircraft operations. This notice is necessary to give all interested persons the opportunity to present their views on the proposed AC.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed AC to: Federal Aviation Administration, Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Division (Attention: AFS-306), 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, or electronically to Leo.Weston@faa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leo Weston, AFS-306, at the address above, by e-mail at Leo.Weston@faa.gov, or telephone at (202) 267-3811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The proposed AC is available on the FAA Web site at <http://www.faa.gov/avr/afs/acs/ac-idx.htm>, under AC No. 20-97B. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed AC by submitting such written data, views, or arguments, as they may desire. Please identify AC 20-97B, Aircraft Tire Maintenance and Operational Practices, and submit comments, either hard copy or electronic, to the appropriate address listed above. Comments may be inspected at the above address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.