

- International Bulk Chemical (IBC) and the International Gas Carrier (IGC) Codes
- Application of MARPOL requirements to Floating Production, Storage and Offloading/Floating Storage Units (FPSOs and FSUs)
- Requirements for personnel protection involved in the transportation of cargoes containing toxic substances in all types of tankers
- Oil tagging systems
- Revision of the fire protection requirements of the IBC and IGC Codes
- Ship recycling-related matters

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, please contact Commander J. M. Michalowski, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, telephone (202) 267-1217.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

**Frederick J. Kenney,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4265]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2003, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 11th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, England from April 7th to 11th.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Responsibilities of Governments and measures to encourage flag State compliance;
- Self-assessment of flag State performance;
- Comprehensive analysis of difficulties encountered in the implementation of IMO instruments;
- Regional cooperation on port State control;
- Reporting procedures on port State control detentions and analysis and evaluation of reports;
- Mandatory reports under MARPOL 73/78;

- Casualty statistics and investigations;
- Development of provisions on transfer of class;
- Review of resolution A.746(18);
- Illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing and implementation of resolution A.925(22);
- Development of guidelines under the 2001 AFS Convention;
- Ship recycling-related matters;
- Introduction of the HSSC into MARPOL Annex VI on prevention of air pollution.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Commander Linda Fagan, Commandant (G-MOC), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 1116, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2978.

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**Frederick J. Kenney,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4226]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the eighty-sixth session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Legal Committee (LEG 86) scheduled from April 28 to May 2, 2003.

The provisional LEG 86 agenda calls for the Legal Committee to review proposed amendments to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988, and its Protocol of 1988 relating to Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (SUA Convention and Protocol). The Committee will also examine the draft Wreck Removal Convention with the objective of having the draft ready for a Diplomatic Conference in the 2004-5 biennium. In addition, the Legal Committee will monitor the implementation of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection With the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea. The provisional LEG 86 agenda also

indicates that documents relating to the topic of places of refuge, treatment of persons rescued at sea, and the code of practice for the investigation of crimes of piracy and armed robbery at sea may be submitted for the Legal Committee's consideration. Additionally, the provisional LEG 86 agenda allots time to address any other issues that may arise 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. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should call or send an e-mail two days before the meeting. Upon request, participating by phone may be an option. For further information please contact Captain Joseph F. Ahern or Lieutenant Vasilios Tasikas, at U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; e-mail [vtasikas@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:vtasikas@comdt.uscg.mil), telephone (202) 267-1527; fax (202) 267-4496.

Dated: January 31, 2003.

**Frederick J. Kenney,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Surplus Property Release at Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greensboro, NC

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Title 49, U.S.C. 47153(c), notice is being given that the FAA is considering a request from the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority to waive the requirement that a 169.20-acre parcel of surplus property, located at the Piedmont Triad International Airport, be used for aeronautical purposes.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this notice may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Atlanta Airports District Office, Attn: Tracie D. Kleine, Program Manager, 1701 Columbia Ave., Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mickie L.

Elmore, Director of Development of the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority at the following address: Post Office Box 35445, Greensboro, NC 27425.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tracie D. Kleine, Program Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, 1701 Columbia Ave., Suite 2-260, Atlanta, GA 30337-2747, (404) 305-7148. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA is reviewing a request by the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority to release 169.20 acres of surplus property at the Piedmont Triad International Airport. This fee simple title transfer of land to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is for the purpose of providing Right-of-Way (ROW) for the relocation of a portion of Bryan Boulevard. Bryan Boulevard will be a multi-lane, limited access highway that will provide improved access to and from the airport and is required as part of the overall GSO master plan development. The proposed use of this property is compatible with airport operations.

Any person may inspect the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the request, notice and other documents germane to the request in person at the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority.

Issued in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 26, 2002.

**Scott L. Seritt,**

*Manager, Atlanta Airports District Office, Southern Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### High Density Traffic Airports; Notice of Slot Usage Waiver

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary slot usage waiver at high density traffic airports.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a five-day waiver of the minimum slot usage requirement at New York's John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports and Washington's Reagan National Airport for the period February 15, 2003 through February 19, 2003, due to extended airport closures and the operational recovery from a major snow storm impacting much of the northeastern United States.

**DATE:** February 27, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lorelei Peter, Operations and Air Traffic Law Branch, Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone number 202-267-3073.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

On February 15, 2003, a major winter storm including snow and freezing rain began to impact operations at many airports in the eastern part of the United States, including the three high density traffic airports. This storm moved up the East Coast bringing significant snowfalls and resulted in airport closures or reduced airport capacity through Monday, February 17, 2003. On Tuesday, February 18, 2003, the airport authorities reopened all three high density airports and regular operations were resumed and on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, air traffic activity approached normal levels. However, on these two days, some airlines were unable to operate scheduled flights since aircraft or crews were not in position to operate the flights as scheduled.

#### Statement of Policy

The regulations governing slots and slot allocation provide that any slot not utilized at least 80 percent of the time over a 2-month period shall be recalled by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (14 CFR 93.277(a)). Additionally, paragraph (j) of that section provides that the Chief Counsel may waive the slot usage requirement in the event of a highly unusual and unpredictable conditions that is beyond the control of the slot holder and exists for nine days or more (14 CFR 93.227(j)). These two provisions are also applicable to slot exemptions.

The FAA has determined the conditions described above warrant a temporary waiver of the minimum slot usage requirement for the period of February 15, 2003, through February 19, 2003, even though the conditions did not exceed eight days. Therefore, the FAA will treat as used any slot that was scheduled to operate during the period of the waiver regardless of whether the flight actually was operated. In the bi-monthly slot usage reports required by 14 CFR 93.227(i), slot holders/operators should indicate whether a flight was scheduled to operate in an allocated slot and whether the flight actually operated. Canceled flights should not be listed as operated unless they did in fact

operate. Carrier may indicate that a flight was scheduled to operate in a particular slot, but was subsequently canceled during this period, by using the "Z" code that is normally applied to flights canceled due to airport deicing programs.

Alternatively, carriers may list impacted slots/flights in a separate report. The FAA will then apply the usage waiver as appropriate to slots meeting the conditions.

Issued on February 20, 2003, in Washington, DC.

**James W. Whitlow,**

*Deputy Chief Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Monthly notice of PFC approvals and disapprovals. In January 2003, there were 15 applications approved. Additionally, 15 approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph d of § 158.29.

#### PFC Applications Approved

*Public Agency:* City of Joplin, Missouri.

*Application Number:* 02-01-C-00-JLN.

*Application Type:* Impose and use a PFC.

*PFC Level:* \$4.50.

*Total PFC Revenue Approved in This Decision:* \$889,663.

*Earliest Charge Effective Date:* April 1, 2003.

*Estimated Charge Expiration Date:* July 1, 2008.

*Class of Air Carriers Not Required to Collect PFC's:* None.

*Brief Description of Projects Approved for Collection and Use:*

Purchase new aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicle.

Purchase and install new runway and taxiway signage.