of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Ensign Christina Paruzynski, Commandant (G–MSO–4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 1601, Washington, DC 20593–0001 or by calling (202) 267–2079.

Dated: July 21, 2004.

Clay Diamond,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4777]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 20 October 2004 in Room 4342 at the Department of Transportation, 400 7th & D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the Eighty-Ninth Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Legal Committee (LEG 89) scheduled from 25–29 October 2004.

The provisional LEG 89 agenda calls for the Legal Committee to review 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). Also the Committee will examine the draft Wreck Removal Convention. To be addressed as well is the Provision of Financial Security which includes a progress report on the work of the Joint IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group on Liability and Compensation regarding claims for Death, Personal Injury and Abandonment of Seafarers; and includes follow-up resolutions adopted by the International Conference on the Revision of the Athens Convention relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea, 1974. The Legal Committee will examine places of refuge, measures to protect crews and passengers against crimes committed on vessels, fair treatment of seafarers, as well as monitoring of the implementation of the HNS Convention, matters arising from the ninety-second session of the Council. Finally the committee will review technical cooperation: subprogramme for maritime legislation, review the status of Conventions and other treaty instruments adopted as a result of the work of the Legal Committee, in addition to allotting 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 William Baumgartner or Lieutenant Martha Rodriguez, at U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593–0001; e-mail *mrodriguez@comdt.uscg.mil*, telephone (202) 267–1527; fax (202) 267–4496.

Dated: July 21, 2004.

Clay Diamond,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning China's Compliance With WTO Commitments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing concerning China's compliance with its WTO commitments.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) will convene a public hearing and seek public comment to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in its preparation of its annual report to the Congress on China's compliance with the commitments that it made in connection with its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

DATES: Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, as well as a copy of their testimony, by noon, Friday, September 10, 2004. Written comments are due by noon, Wednesday, September 15, 2004. A hearing will be held in Washington, DC, on Thursday, September 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions by electronic mail: FR0437@ustr.eop.gov.*

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395–6143.

The public is strongly encouraged to submit documents electronically rather than by facsimile. (See requirements for submissions below.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning written comments or participation in the public hearing, contact Gloria Blue, (202) 395–3475. All other questions should be directed to Terrence J. McCartin, Director of Monitoring and Enforcement for China, (202) 395–3900, or Bruce Hirsh, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement, (202) 395–3582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

China became a member of the WTO on December 11, 2001. In accordance with section 421 of the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (P.L. 106–286), USTR is required to submit, by December 11 of each year, a report to Congress on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including both multilateral commitments and any bilateral commitments made to the United States. In accordance with section 421, and to assist it in preparing this year's report, the TPSC is hereby soliciting public comment. Last year's report is available on USTR's Internet Web site (at *www.ustr.gov/regions/china-hk-mongolia-taiwan*).

The terms of China's accession to the WTO are contained in the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (including its annexes) (Protocol), the Report of the Working Party on the Accession of China (Working Party Report), and the WTO Agreement. The Protocol and Working Party Report can be found on the Department of Commerce Web page, *http://www.mac.doc.gov/China/WTOAccessionPackage.htm*, or on the WTO Web site, *http://docsonline.wto.org* (document symbols: WT/L/432, WT/MIN(01)/3, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.1, WT/MIN(01)/3/Add.2).

2. Public Comment and Hearing

USTR invites written comments and/or oral testimony of interested persons on China's compliance with commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas: (a) Trading rights; (b) import regulation (*e.g.*, tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses); (c) export regulation; (d) internal policies affecting trade (*e.g.*, subsidies, standards and technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, trade-related

investment measures, taxes and charges levied on imports and exports); (e) intellectual property rights (including intellectual property enforcement); (f) services; (g) rule of law issues (*e.g.*, transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and status of legal reform; and (h) other WTO commitments. Persons submitting written comments should identify the commitments discussed therein by listing one or more of these categories on the first page of the comments.

Written comments must be received no later than noon, Wednesday, September 15, 2004.

A hearing will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2004, in Room 1, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. If necessary, the hearing will continue on the next day.

Persons wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention by noon, Friday, September 10, 2004. The notification should include: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person presenting the testimony; and (2) a short (one or two paragraph) summary of the presentation, including the commitments at issue and, as applicable, the product(s) (with HTSUS numbers), service sector(s), or other subjects to be discussed. A copy of the testimony must accompany the notification. Remarks at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC.

All documents should be submitted in accordance with the instructions in section 3 below.

3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. In the event that an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: ''China WTO'' followed by (as appropriate) ''Written Comments,'' ''Notice of Testimony,'' or ''Testimony.'' Documents should be submitted as either Adobe PDF, WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters ''BC–'', and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters ''P–''. The ''P–'' or ''BC–''should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments, notices of testimony, and testimony will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked ''BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL'' at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395–6186. Appointments must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance.

General information concerning USTR may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (*www.ustr.gov*).

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No.: MARAD 2004–17166]

Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Maritime Administration (MARAD), of the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) has made available for review to interested parties the Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) for the transfer and disposal of approximately nine obsolete vessels from the James River Reserve Fleet (JRRF) to the Able UK facility located in Teeside, United Kingdom. The FEA studied potential environmental effects associated with the transfer of the obsolete vessels for disposal. The FEA considered potential effects to the natural and manmade environments including: Air quality; water quality; geology and soils; coastal resources; terrestrial resources; aquatic resources; navigation; hazardous materials; cultural and historic resources; and visual and aesthetic resources, among other topics associated with the proposed action.

Conclusion: The Maritime Administration assessed the potential environmental consequences of the proposed action and the no action alternative, and found no significant impacts to the human and natural environments from implementation of the proposed alternative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Aheron, U.S. DOT, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, tel: (202) 366–8887/fax: (202) 366–6988, e-mail: *Deborah.Aheron@marad.dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the Final EA are available on the MARAD Web site (*http://www.marad.dot.gov*) and on the Department of Transportation Docket Management System (*http://dms.dot.gov*).

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.66.)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: July 26, 2004.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA–04–18654]

Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Request for extension of a currently approved collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established