

Advisory Council (NAC) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Wyndham New Orleans, Canal Place, 100 Rue Iberville, New Orleans, LA 70130. The purpose of the meeting is for the NAC members to provide expert advice, ideas and opinions on SBA programs and small business issues and discuss recent updates pertaining to the delivery of the Agency's programs and services. Information will be presented by members of the council or interested others.

Anyone wishing to attend or participate must contact Balbina Caldwell in writing, phone or e-mail, to be added to the agenda. Balbina Caldwell, Director, National Advisory Council, SBA Headquarters, 409 3rd Street SW., Washington DC 20416, phone (202) 205-6914, e-mail: balbina.caldwell@sba.gov.

For more information about the National Advisory Council, see our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/nac/index.html>.

Sincerely,

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Acting General Counsel.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), National Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Advisory Board will be hosting a public annual meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Americas Hotel, 1600 Lamar Street, Room 203, Houston, Texas 77011.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce our new board members and to discuss Advisory Board matters that may be presented by members and the staff of the SBA. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5407]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2006, in Room 4236 of the Department of Transportation Headquarters, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Eleventh Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Dangerous Goods, Solid Cargoes and Containers to be held at the International Coffee Organization Headquarters in London, England from September 11 to September 15, 2006.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and Supplements including harmonization of the IMDG Code with the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.
- Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code) including evaluation of properties of solid bulk cargos and mandatory application of the BC Code.
- Casualty and incident reports and analysis.
- Measures to enhance maritime security.
- Guidance on serious structural deficiencies in containers; reporting procedure on serious structural deficiencies.
- Review of the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code).
- Amendments to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (CSS Code).
- Revision of the guidelines for the Transport and Handling of Limited Amounts of Hazardous and Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk on Offshore Support Vessels (LHNS) and the guidelines for the Design and Construction of Offshore Supply Vessels (OSV).
- Extension of the Code of Practice for the Safe Unloading and Loading of Bulk Carriers (BLU Code) to include grain.
- Guidance on providing safe working conditions for securing of containers.
- Review of the Recommendations on the Safe Use of Pesticides in Ships.
- Application of requirements for dangerous goods in packaged form in SOLAS and the 2000 High Speed Craft (HSC) Code.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. R.C. Bornhorst, U.S. Coast Guard (G-PSO-3), Room 1210, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1426.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Margaret Hayes,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5425]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, 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 55th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) to be held at IMO, Central Hall Westminster in London, England from October 9th to 13th, 2006.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- Recycling of ships;
- Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related instruments;
- Implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC) Convention and the OPRC-Hazardous Noxious Substance (OPRC-HNS) Protocol and relevant conference resolutions;
- Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- Inadequacy of reception facilities;
- Reports of sub-committees;
- Work of other bodies;
- Status of Conventions;
- Harmful anti-fouling systems for ships;
- Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related instruments;
- Follow-up to United Nations Conference on Environment and