

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5326]

**Shipping Coordinating Committee;
Notice of Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 1, 2006 in Room 2415, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize preparations for the 81st Session of the Maritime Safety Committee, and associated bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is scheduled for May 10-19, 2006 at IMO Headquarters in London. At this meeting, papers received and the draft U.S. positions for the Maritime Safety Committee will be discussed. Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- Adoption of amendments to SOLAS for long range identification and tracking of ships, amendments to the IMDG Code, amendments to the International Convention on standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, amendments to the FSS Code, and amendments to the LSA Code;
- Passenger ship safety;
- Measures to enhance maritime security;
- Goal-based new ship construction standards;
- Formal safety assessment;
- Reports of nine subcommittees—Stability, load lines and fishing vessel safety, Dangerous goods, solid cargoes and containers, Training and watchkeeping, Fire protection, Radiocommunications and search and rescue, Ship design and equipment, Flag State implementation, Bulk liquids and gases, and Safety of navigation.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Mr. Howard Hime, Commandant (G-PS), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Room 1218, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2970.

Dated: April 5, 2006.

Clay Diamond,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-23781]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Request for Comment;
Approval of a New Information
Collection: Letter of Confirmation and
Carrier Contact Information Sheets**

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA invites public comment on its plan to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to collect information on new forms entitled "Carrier Contact Information Sheets." The information will be collected from United States and Canada-based motor carriers through the use forms, and used by FMCSA Safety Auditors and Safety Investigators to prepare in advance for Compliance Reviews (CRs) and New Entrant Program Safety Audits (NEPSAs); Pre-authority Safety Audits (PASAs) and CRs of certain Mexico-domiciled motor carriers; and NEPSAs and CRs of Non-North American motor carriers. FMCSA conducts CRs to determine motor carrier compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and other regulations overseen by FMCSA. In accordance with section 350 of the 2002 DOT Appropriations Act and the Agency's regulations, all Mexico-domiciled long-haul carriers must successfully complete a PASA before receiving authority to operate in the United States and must receive a CR within their first 18 months of operations in the United States. All other motor carriers receive CRs to determine their safety fitness.

FMCSA conducts NEPSAs in accordance with section 210 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999, which requires safety reviews of all new entrants during their first 18 months of operations.

The information collected from motor carriers will be used to assist safety investigators to become familiar with the motor carrier's operation prior to visiting the carrier's place of business. The information collected will include, but is not limited to, company information and contact persons, business type, insurance, type of cargo transported, vehicle and driver information and controlled substance testing information. Additional information will be collected from carriers who transport hazardous

materials, household goods, and passengers or are domiciled in Mexico. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Docket No. FMCSA-2006-23781. You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to (202) 493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may examine and copy all comments received at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire your comment to be acknowledged, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Arturo H. Ramirez, Division Chief, (202) 366-3181, Enforcement and Compliance Division, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 7th Street SW., Suite 8214, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Carrier Contact Information Sheets.

OMB Control No: 2126-XXXX.

Background:

In 1999, the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (MCSIA) [Public Law 106-159, 113 Stat. 1748 (December 9, 1999)] strengthened the motor carrier safety program by mandating more vehicle and driver inspections, and carrier compliance reviews. MCSIA also required safety reviews of all new entrants during the first 18 months of operations. Section 350 of the DOT Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 [Public Law 107-87, 115 Stat. 864 (December 18, 2001)] further strengthened the safety program for motor carriers by requiring safety audits of long-haul Mexico-domiciled carriers before they receive operating authority in the United States.

FMCSA conducts compliance reviews to ensure that motor carriers comply with the FMCSRs. To facilitate the timely completion of the compliance reviews in the future, FMCSA safety investigators will use the following two forms to collect information from motor carriers prior to conducting compliance reviews.