

plan to meet the Exchange's continued listing standards within 18 months, application of this provision to the company does not restart the 18-month clock. The Commission believes that certain flexibility in applying continued listing standards may occasionally be necessary when establishing procedures to uphold the quality of the market. Accordingly, the Commission believes it is reasonable to provide the Exchange with the discretion to evaluate a company's status to prevent premature, automatic delisting of a company otherwise qualified for continued listing. The Commission also believes that it is appropriate that a company that has previously submitted a plan to come into compliance with the Exchange's continued listing criteria not be extended additional time to come into compliance by filing or declaring an intent to file for bankruptcy. The Commission believes that this strikes a reasonable balance between providing companies an opportunity to cure any deficiencies and continue to list on the Exchange and protecting investors and the public interest by not continuing to list companies that cannot meet the Exchange's continued listing criteria during the initial 18 month period.

#### IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-99-50), as amended, is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>13</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice Number 3410]

#### Shipping Coordinating Committee, Facilitation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2000, in room 1303 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20593-0001.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the agenda items to be considered at the twenty-eighth session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL 28)

of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which is scheduled for October 30–November 3, 2000, at the IMO headquarters in London. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for FAL 28 will be discussed.

The major items for discussion for FAL 28 will include the following:

- Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic
- Consideration and adoption of proposed amendments to the Annex to the Convention
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) messages for the clearance of ships
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines
- General review of the Convention
- Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of ships
- Formalities related to cargo—Facilitation aspects of the multimodal transport of dangerous goods
- Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of persons—Stowaways
- Facilitation aspects of other IMO forms and certificates
- Ship-port interface
- Technical co-operation sub-program for facilitation

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room.

Interested persons may seek information by writing: Chief, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSR), room 1400, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20593-0001 or by calling Mr. David A. Du Pont at: (202) 267-0971.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

**Stephen Miller,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. OST-96-1436]

##### Docket Management System (DMS)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice requesting comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Secretary (OST) is requesting the public to comment on the DOT Docket Management System (DMS). Five years ago, DOT consolidated nine separate docket facilities and converted from a paper-based system to an electronic storage system that we later placed on

the Internet. We have continued to make improvements and would like public comment on the current system and our plans for future changes.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by November 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver comments to the US Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, Docket No. OST-96-1436, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, or submit electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. The Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401, is open for public inspection and copying of comments from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information on comment acknowledgment and electronic submission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Dorothy Y. Beard, Chief, Docket Operations and Media Management, SVC-124, (202) 366-5149.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

This notice is intended to inform the public about, and to solicit public comment on, the features and functions of the DMS. Five years ago, DOT consolidated nine separate docket facilities and converted from a paper-based system to an optical "imaging" system, which keeps a picture of the document, for more efficient storage, management, and retrieval of docketed information. The new system now provides the public with 24-hour access and electronic filing of comments through the world-wide web. DOT would like to take this opportunity to obtain additional suggestions and feedback on the DMS.

##### Comment Acknowledgement

Any person wishing acknowledgement of comment receipt should include a self-addressed stamped postcard, or print the acknowledgement page after submitting comments electronically.

##### Electronic Access and Filing

You may submit comments online through the DMS at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (Versions 95-97), MS Word for Mac (Versions 6-8), Rich Text File (RTF), American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document Format (PDF), and Word Perfect (WPD) (Versions 7-8). Electronic Submission Help and Guidelines are available under the Help section of the web site.

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).