

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 7601]****Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, in Room 5-1224 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fifty fourth Session of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, January 16-20, 2012.

The Primary Matters To Be Considered Include

- Adoption of the agenda;
- Decisions of other IMO bodies;
- Development of second generation intact stability criteria;
- Development of guidelines on safe return to port for passenger ships;
- Development of guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers;
- Revision of the damage stability regulations for ro-ro passenger ships;
- Development of amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 subdivision standards for cargo ships;
- Revision of SOLAS chapter II-1 subdivision and damage stability regulations;
- Development of provisions to ensure the integrity and uniform implementation of the 1969 TM Convention;
- Development of amendments to part B of the 2008 IS Code on towing and anchor operations;
- Consideration of IACS unified interpretations;
- Development of amendments to the criterion for maximum angle of heel in turns of the 2008 IS Code;
- Development of amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/4 concerning subdivision standards for cargo ships;
- Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for SLF 55;
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2013;
- Any other business;

Report to the Maritime Safety Committee

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, and to request reasonable accommodation, those who

plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator, LCDR Catherine Phillips, by email at *Catherine.A.Phillips@uscg.mil*, by phone at (202) 372-1374, by fax at (202) 372-1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG-5212), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126 not later than December 1, 2011. Requests made after December 1, 2011 might not be able to be accommodated. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: *www.uscg.mil/imo*.

Dated: November 7, 2011.

Brian Robinson,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[Docket No. FAA-2011-1243]

Designation of Administrative Judges and Delegation of Authority

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) gives notice that the FAA Administrator has: designated the Director and Dispute Resolution Officers of the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODRA) as Administrative Judges for all matters within the ODRA's jurisdiction; and delegated authority to the ODRA that supersedes and replaces previous delegations of authority. The FAA is publishing the text of the Designation and Delegation, executed on October 12, 2011, so that it is available to interested parties.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie A. Collins, Dispute Resolution Officer and Administrative Judge for the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (AGC-70), Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Street SW., Room 323, Washington, DC

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

In 1995 Congress, through the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, directed the FAA "to develop and implement, not later than April 1, 1996, an acquisition management system that addressed the unique needs of the agency and, at a minimum, provided for more timely and cost effective acquisitions of equipment and materials."¹ In response, the FAA developed the Acquisition Management System (AMS), a system of policy guidance for the management of FAA procurement, and as a part of the AMS, created the Office of Dispute Resolution for Acquisition (ODRA) to facilitate the Administrator's review of procurement protests and contract disputes.² Subsequently, the FAA promulgated rules of procedure governing the ODRA's dispute resolution process by publishing a final rule entitled, *Procedures for Protests and Contract Disputes; Amendment of Equal Access to Justice Act Regulations* (effective June 28, 1999).³ In addition to the rules of procedures, ODRA operates pursuant to a series of delegations of authority from the Administrator. Over time, the authority delegated to the ODRA by the Administrator expanded to include the authority of the ODRA Director, among other things, "to execute and issue, on behalf of the Administrator, Orders and Final Decisions for the Administrator in all matters" under the ODRA's jurisdiction valued at not more than \$10 Million.⁴ Congress provided further confirmation as to the FAA's dispute resolution authority in the Vision 100-Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act of 2003 (2003 Reauthorization Act), which expressly provided the ODRA with exclusive jurisdiction over bid protests and contract disputes under the AMS.⁵ Specifically, the 2003 Reauthorization Act provided at Subsection (b)(2)(4), under the title "Adjudication of Certain Bid Protests and Contract Disputes," that "[a] bid protest or contract dispute that is not addressed or resolved through alternative dispute resolution shall be adjudicated by the Administrator,

¹ Public Law 104-50, 109 Stat. 436 (November 15, 1995).

² 61 FR 24348; May 14, 1996.

³ 64 FR 32926; June 18, 1999.

⁴ See 63 FR 49151, September 14, 1998; 65 FR 19958-01, April 13, 2000; 69 FR 17469-02, April 2, 2004.

⁵ See Public Law 108-176, § 224(b), 117 Stat. 2490, 2528 (codified as amended at 49 U.S.C. 40110(d)(4)).