

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 5668]****Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2007, in Room 6319 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to continue preparations for the 50th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety to be held at the International Coffee Organization in London, England from April 30 to May 4, 2007.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Development of explanatory notes for harmonized SOLAS Chapter II-1;
- Revision of the Intact Stability Code;
- Passenger ship safety / Time dependent survivability;
- Guidance on the impact of open watertight doors on survivability;
- Safety of small fishing vessels;
- Development of options to improve effect on ship design and safety of the 1969 TM Convention;
- Guidelines for uniform operating limitations on high-speed craft;
- Review of the Special Purpose Ships (SPS) Code.

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. Paul Cojeen, Commandant (CG-3PSE-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1372.

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Michael E. Tousley,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 5667]****Shipping Coordinating Committee Facilitation Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in Room 1303 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 thirty-fourth session of the Facilitation Committee (FAL 34) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), to be held from March 26 to 30, 2007, at the International Coffee Organization Headquarters in London, England.

The primary matters for discussion for FAL 34 will include the following:

- General review and implementation of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic.
- Adoption of proposed amendments to the Annex to the Convention.
- Electronic means for the clearance of ships.
- Prevention and suppression of unlawful acts in port.
- Prevention and suppression of illicit trade, including drugs, WMD and people.
- Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of persons.
- Facilitation aspects of other IMO forms and certificates.
- Securing and facilitation international trade.
- Ship/port interface.
- Technical co-operation sub-programme for facilitation.
- Application of the Committee's Guidelines.

Please note that hard copies of documents associated with FAL 34 will not be available at this meeting. Documents will be available in Adobe Acrobat format on CD-ROM. To request documents, please contact Mr. David Du Pont via e-mail at David.A.DuPont@uscg.mil or write to the address provided below.

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. David Du Pont, Commandant (CG-3PSR), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 1400, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 372-1497.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 5669]****Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting**

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open

meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007, in Room 6319 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 50th session of the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Equipment (DE) to be held at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Headquarters in London, England from March 5 to March 9, 2007.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Amendments to resolution A.744(18) regarding longitudinal strength of tankers;
- Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats;
- Compatibility with life-saving appliances;
- Test standards for extended service intervals of inflatable liferafts;
- Amendments to the Guidelines for ships operating in Arctic ice-covered waters;
- Revision of resolution A.760(18) regarding symbols related to life-saving appliances and arrangements;
- Guidelines for uniform operating limitations of high-speed craft;
- Consideration of IACS unified interpretations;
- Inspection and survey requirements for accommodation ladders;
- Revision of the Guidelines for systems for handling oily wastes in machinery spaces of ships (MEPC/Circ.235);
- Development of provisions for gas-fuelled ships;
- Performance standards for protective coatings;
- Guidelines for maintenance and repair of protective coatings;
- Requirements and standard for corrosion protection of permanent means of access arrangements;
- Performance standards for recovery systems;
- Guidelines for approval of novel-life-saving appliances;
- Mandatory emergency towing systems in ships other than tankers greater than 20,000 dwt;
- Review of the Special Purpose Ships (SPS) Code;
- Revision of the Code on Alarms and Indicators (resolution A.830(19));
- Amendments to the MODU Code;
- Review of MEPC.1/Circ.511 and relevant MARPOL Annex I and Annex VI requirements.

Hard copies of documents associated with the 50th session of DE will be available at this meeting. To request further copies of documents please write to the address provided below.

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