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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 8169]

#### Easing the Ban on Imports From Burma

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Secretary of State has determined, pursuant to authority delegated by the Secretary of State, that it is in the national interests of the United States to waive the prohibitions described in section 3(a) of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–61), as amended (“BFDA”), which requires the President to prohibit the importation of any article that is a product of Burma into the United States, and which the President implemented in section 3 of Executive Order 13310 (July 28, 2003). In conjunction with this waiver determination, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control issued General License (No. 18) on November 16, 2012 authorizing imports into the United States of any article that is a product of Burma, subject to limitations set forth therein.

This step is in the national interest of the United States because it supports those in the Burmese government that have instituted important reforms since early 2011 and encourages the government to make further progress. The waiver of the import ban responds to the Government of Burma’s continued reforms and efforts to address U.S. core concerns, including the release of political prisoners, and other steps on human rights and national reconciliation.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 15, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Marshall Klein, Senior Sanctions Officer, Economic & Business Affairs, Office of Sanctions Policy and Implementation, 202–647–9452.

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**Jose W. Fernandez,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 8172]

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

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, in Room 5–0624 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the thirty-eighth Session of the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) Facilitation Committee to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, April 8–12, 2013.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda; report on credentials
  - Decisions of other IMO bodies
  - Consideration and adoption of proposed amendments to the Convention
  - General review of the Convention, including harmonization with other international instruments:
    - A. Comprehensive review of the Annex to the Convention, including: Interessional Correspondence Group (ISCG) work
  - E-business possibilities for the facilitation of maritime traffic
    - A. Electronic means for the clearance of ships, cargo and passengers
    - B. Electronic access to, or electronic versions of, certificates and documents required to be carried on ships, including ISCG work
  - Formalities connected with the arrival, stay and departure of persons, including:
    - A. Shipboard personnel
    - B. Stowaways
    - C. Illegal migrants
    - D. Persons rescued at sea
  - Ensuring security in and facilitating international trade, including:
    - A. Shore leave and access to ships
    - B. Trade recovery, including ISCG work
  - Ship/port interface
  - Technical co-operation and assistance
  - Relations with other organizations
  - Application of the Committee’s Guidelines
  - Work programme
  - Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2013
  - Any other business
  - Consideration of the report of the Committee on its thirty-eighth session
- 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, Mr. David Du Pont, by email at [David.A.DuPont@uscg.mil](mailto:David.A.DuPont@uscg.mil), by phone at (202) 372–1497, by fax at (202) 372–1928, or in writing at Commandant (CG–REG), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126 not later than March 12, 2013, 7 days prior to the meeting. Requests made after March 12, 2013 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.

For members of the public that would like to participate, but are unable to attend this meeting the Coast Guard will provide a teleconference option. To participate by phone, contact the meeting coordinator (details above) to obtain teleconference information. Note the number of teleconference lines is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: [www.uscg.mil/imo](http://www.uscg.mil/imo). Information specific to the Facilitation Committee may be found at [www.uscg.mil/imo/fal](http://www.uscg.mil/imo/fal) and [www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg523/imo](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg523/imo).

Dated: January 22, 2013.

**Brian Robinson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 8171]

#### Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Meeting Notice; Closed Meeting

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. State Department—Overseas Security Advisory Council on February 19 and 20, 2013. Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E), it has been determined that the meeting will be closed to the public. The meeting will focus on an examination of corporate security policies and procedures and will