

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3583]

Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution; Notice of Meeting

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution, a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this meeting will be to review the agenda items to be considered at the forty-sixth Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 46) to be held at the IMO headquarters in London from 23 through 27 April 2001. Proposed U.S. positions on the agenda items for MEPC 46 will be discussed. The major items for discussion for MEPC 46 include the following:

- a. Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- b. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- c. Implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation (OPRC Convention) and the Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Cooperation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances (OPRC-HNS Protocol);
- d. Harmful effects of the use of anti-fouling paints for ships;
- e. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- f. Recycling of ships;
- g. Interpretation and amendments of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78) and related Codes;
- h. Inadequacy of reception facilities;
- i. Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- j. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL 73/78 and related Codes;
- k. Preparation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (RIO+10);
- l. Matters related to the International Code for the Safe Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel, Plutonium and High-Level Radioactive Wastes on board ships (INF Code);
- m. The role of human element with regard to pollution prevention; and
- n. Matters related to the 1973 Intervention Protocol.

Please note that hard copies of documents associated with MEPC 46 will not be available at this meeting.

Requests for hard copies may be made in writing to the address provided below. Documents will be available in Adobe Acrobat format on CD-ROM on the day of the meeting or can be requested on-line at the web address provided below.

Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in advance of the meeting, please contact Lieutenant Dave Beck, U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Standards Division (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-0713; fax (202) 267-4690, e-mail dbeck@comdt.uscg.mil; or on-line at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/mso4/mepc.html>.

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Stephen M. Miller,

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

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**Notice of Meeting of the Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14)**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Industry Sector Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business (ISAC-14) will hold a meeting on March 19, 2001, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be opened to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2001, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce, Conference Room 3407, located at 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Millie Sjoberg or Pam Wilbur (202) 482-4792 Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (principal contact), or myself on (202) 395-6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the opened portion of the meeting the following topics will be covered:

- Discussion with USTR on SME trade policy issues;
 - Discussion on Dispute Resolution;
 - Discussion on trade with Africa;
- and

- Committee business.

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Acting Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. NAFTA/Ch20]

NAFTA Consultations Regarding Mexico—Allocation of Tariff-Rate Quota on Dry Beans

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representatives (USTR) is providing notice that on November 30, 2000, the United States requested consultations with Mexico under Chapter 20 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), regarding Mexico's allocation of the duty-free tariff rate quota (TRQ) for certain dry beans from the United States. The Schedule of Mexico set forth in Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA requires Mexico to provide a duty-free TRQ for certain dry beans (tariff item 0713.33.02) from the United States. Mexico did not allocate the 1999 or 2000 dry bean TRQs for the United States in a timely manner, effectively denying U.S. exporters the full market access to which they are entitled. These actions appear to be inconsistent with Mexico's obligations under Article 302 and Annex 302.2 of the NAFTA. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of these dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before April 6, 2001 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Leah Mayo, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 222, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn: Mexico Dry Beans NAFTA Dispute. Telephone: (202) 395-3582.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan A. Millán, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600, 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC, (202) 395-3581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 20 of the NAFTA establishes dispute