

(1) the claimant establishes that, at the time he or she returned to work and thereafter, the impairment was still expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months from the date of onset;

(2) the claimant returns to work after the waiting period (if a waiting period is applicable) but within the 12-month period following the established onset date; and

(3) the return to work demonstrating an ability to engage in substantial gainful activity occurs either before or after approval of the award.

A claim for title XVI benefits based on disability in which the claimant returns to work within 12 months of the established onset date of an impairment which could otherwise be the basis for a finding of disability should be allowed and the claimant granted section 1619 status<sup>6</sup> if the following conditions are met:

(1) The claimant establishes that, at the time he or she returned to work and thereafter, the impairment was still expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months from the date of onset;

(2) The claimant returns to work in a month subsequent to the month of established onset but within the 12-month period following the established onset date;

(3) The claimant is eligible to receive "regular" SSI benefits under section 1611 of the Act (or a federally administered State supplementary payment) based on the impairment (disregarding the effect the claimant's return to work within 12 months after the date of onset would otherwise have on eligibility for such benefits or payment) for at least 1 month in the period preceding the month in which he or she returns to work;

(4) The claimant meets all other nondisability requirements for section 1619 status; and

(5) The return to work demonstrating an ability to engage in substantial

gainful activity occurs either before or after approval of the award.

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3466]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2000, in Room 6319, at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This meeting will discuss the upcoming 44th Session of the Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) and associated bodies of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which will be held on September 17-21, 2001, at the IMO Headquarters in London, England.

Items of discussion will include the following:

a. Review of results from the previous Session (SLF 43),

b. Harmonization of damage stability provisions in the IMO instruments,

c. Revision of technical regulations of the 1966 International Load Line Convention,

d. Revisions to the Fishing Vessel Safety Code and Voluntary Guidelines.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Paul Cojeen, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE-2), Room 1308, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2988.

Dated: November 8, 2000.

**Stephen Miller,**

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3467]

### Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2000, in Room 6103 of the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to

finalize preparations for the 32nd Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping, which is scheduled for January 22 to 26, 2001, at IMO Headquarters in London. At this meeting, papers received and the draft U.S. positions will be discussed.

Among other things, the items of particular interest are:

- Training and certification of maritime pilots
- Unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency (*i.e.*, forged certificates)
- Standard Marine Communication Phrases
- Training in the use of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems
- Guidance for training in ballast water management
- Guidance for ships operating in ice-covered waters
- Validation of an IMO model course on assessment of competence
- Guidance associated with the International Convention on Standards of Training,

Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel Convention, as adopted by the 1995 conference; not yet ratified or in force.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: LCDR Luke Harden, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 1210, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-0229.

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**Stephen Miller,**

*Executive Secretary Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-58]

### WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 Relating to the Protection of Sea Turtles in Shrimp Trawl Fishing Operations

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that the government of

<sup>6</sup>Pursuant to statutory amendments made by Public Law 99-643, effective July 1, 1987, the trial work period provisions no longer apply to title XVI disability claims. Beginning July 1, 1987, a disabled individual, who was eligible to receive "regular" SSI benefits under section 1611 of the Act (or a federally administered State supplementary payment) for a month and subsequently has earnings ordinarily considered to represent substantial gainful activity, will move directly to section 1619 status rather than be accorded a trial work period. This Ruling extends to such individuals, *i.e.*, a claim for title XVI benefits based on disability should be allowed and the claimant granted section 1619 status if the claimant would otherwise be eligible for section 1619 status and the same conditions set out above for title II claims based on disability are met.