

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3121]

Notice of a Public Meeting Regarding Government Activities on International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems

AGENCY: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES).

SUMMARY: This public meeting will provide an update on current activities related to international harmonization since the previous public meeting, conducted May 27, 1999 (See Department of State Public Notice 3024 on page 17435 of the **Federal Register** of April 9, 1999.) The meeting will also offer interested organizations and individuals the opportunity to provide information and views for consideration in the development of United States Government policy positions. For more complete information on the harmonization process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951–15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

The meeting will take place from 1:00–3:00 pm on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, in Room N 4437 C–D, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Attendees should use the entrance at C and Third Streets NW. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. Government building pass if applicable. No advance registration is necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit written comments or information, please contact Eunice Mourning, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520, telephone (202) 647–9266, fax (202) 647–5947. A public docket is also available for review at the Department of Labor (OSHA docket H–022H).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of State is announcing a public meeting of the interagency committee concerned with the international harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems (an effort referred to as the “globally harmonized system” or GHS). The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on activities since the May 27, 1999, public meeting, a preview of upcoming international meetings, and an opportunity to submit additional information and comments for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions. Representatives

of the following agencies participate in the interagency group: the Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Agenda of the public meeting will include:

1. Introduction**2. Reports on Recent International Meetings**

- Third Meeting of the Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)/ International Labour Organisation Working Group on Hazard Communication, June 21–23, 1999, Dublin, Ireland.
- Fourteenth Consultation of Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, June 24–25, 1999, Dublin, Ireland.
- Fourth Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Classification Criteria for Mixtures, June 28–29, 1999, Dublin, Ireland.
- UN Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, July 5–15, 1999, Geneva, Switzerland.

3. Preparation for Upcoming Meetings

- Fourth Meeting of the Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)/ International Labour Organisation Working Group of Hazard Communication, November 1–4, 1999, Washington, DC. This group will consider issues relating to hazard communication label elements for the public and specialized audiences, and material safety data sheets for workers.
- Fifteenth Consultation of Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, November 5, 1999, Washington, DC. This group will consider long and short term implementation issues and more detailed terms of reference for a joint committee on transport of dangerous goods and the GHS and a GHS subcommittee.
- Fifth Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Classification Criteria for Mixtures,

November 8–9, 1999, Washington, DC. This group will focus on approaches and options for classifying mixtures according to their health and environmental hazards.

- UN Subcommittee on Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, December 6–17, 1999, Geneva, Switzerland. Among the issues under consideration will be classification criteria for flammable aerosols.

4. Public Comments**5. Concluding Remarks**

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments as soon as possible for consideration in the development of U.S. positions and to present their views orally and/or in writing at the public meeting. Participants may address other topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems and are particularly invited to identify issues of concern to specific sectors that may be affected by the GHS. Participants who attended and participated in recent international sessions may also offer their observations on the results of the sessions.

All written comments will be placed in the public docket (OSHA docket H–022H). The docket is open from 10 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and is located at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. (Telephone: 202–219–7894; Fax: 202–219–5046). The public may also consult the docket to review previous **Federal Register** notices, comment received, Questions and Answers about the GHS, a response to comments on the April 3, 1997, **Federal Register** notice, and other relevant documents.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG–1999–5462]

Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee

(CFIVAC) will meet to discuss the Coast Guard's proposed safety initiatives that resulted from the Fishing Vessel Casualty Task Force Report and input from CFIVAC and Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Coordinators. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: CFIVAC will meet on Monday, October 4, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 5, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 20, 1999. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before September 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: On Monday, October 4, 1999, CFIVAC will meet at Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Room 2415, Washington, DC, and on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, CFIVAC will meet at the Department of Transportation, NASSIF Building, 400 7th Street, Room 3328, Washington, DC. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Commander Mark A. Prescott, Executive Director of CFIVAC, or Lieutenant Commander Randy Clark, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-1181, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. As the result of an alarming death rate in the commercial fishing industry in late 1998 and early 1999 the Coast Guard chartered a Task Force to conduct a fast track study to determine the circumstances of these casualties; examine these incidents in the context of historical data; review the current fishing vessel safety program and past recommendations; recommend the most significant measures that have the greatest potential for reducing the loss of life and property and provide quick feedback to the commercial fishing industry. The Task Force completed its report in March 1999 and it was presented to CFIVAC and Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Coordinators for their review in April 1999. The report is available at <http://www.get.to/thefishingreport> or at Commandant (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, 202-267-1430. The Coast Guard consolidated only those recommendations that were commonly supported by these groups and developed a draft proposal of future

safety initiatives to be undertaken. The final proposal will be available at the October 4-5 meeting. The Coast Guard is seeking further feedback on these safety initiatives and their implementation from CFIVAC. Interested parties, including members of Congress, have been advised of this meeting.

Draft Agenda of Meeting

Monday, 4 October

Report from Coast Guard on casualty statistics and implementation of new safety initiatives since the Task Force Report

Presentation from Coast Guard on proposed safety initiatives

Discuss with CFIVAC specific details on how to implement these proposals

Tuesday, 5 October

Continue working on details of new initiative development

Progress report—wrap up

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. Due to security procedures, members of the public must produce a photo ID to enter the Coast Guard Headquarters and Department of Transportation, NASSIF buildings. At the Chairperson's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meetings should notify the Executive Director no later than September 20, 1999. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than September 17, 1999. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of a subcommittee in advance of a meeting, that person should submit 20 copies to the Executive Director no later than September 17, 1999.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: September 2, 1999.

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Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Advisory Circular; Instructions for Continued Airworthiness

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Advisory Circular (AC) on Instructions for Continued Airworthiness.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the issuance of Advisory Circular (AD), No. 33.4, Instructions for Continued Airworthiness. This AC may be used to prepare Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA) under § 33.4. This AC is meant to provide information and guidance concerning an acceptable method, but not the only method, for compliance. This AC neither changes any regulatory requirements nor authorizes changes in or deviations from the regulatory requirements.

DATES: Advisory Circular No. 33.4, was issued by the Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, on August 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chung Hsieh, Engine and Propeller Standards Staff, ANE-110, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803, telephone (781) 238-7114, fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This AC is on the subject of continued airworthiness of aircraft engines type certificated under part 33 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR Part 33). The information and guidance presented in this AC would provide a method that can be used to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of § 33.4 and Appendix A to part 33—Instructions for Continued Airworthiness.

Interested parties were given the opportunity to review and comment on the draft AC during the proposal and development phases. Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 5, 1999 (64 FR 16515), to announce the availability of, and comment to the draft AC.

This advisory circular, published under the authority granted to the Administrator by 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701-44702, 44704, provides guidance for these new requirements that were published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 1980 (45 FR 60154).