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Meetings

The HSSTAC will meet at least quarterly at the call of the Chair or whenever one-third of the members so request in writing.

Duration

The HSSTAC is expected to be needed on a continuing basis. However, the HSSTAC will terminate on November 25, 2005, pursuant to section 311(j) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 unless extended.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

Charles E. McQueary,

*Under Secretary for Science and Technology,
Department of Homeland Security.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Directorate of Science and Technology; Notice of Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC) Vacancy and Call for Applications

AGENCY: Office of the Undersecretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 311 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-296, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security is seeking nominations to fill a vacant seat on the Homeland Security Science and Technology Advisory Committee (HSSTAC). Section 311(b)(1) of the statute requires that the committee include among its membership "Representatives of citizens groups, including economically disadvantaged communities." Therefore, we are requesting qualified individuals that meet this criterion and are interested in serving on this committee to apply for

membership. Nominees should send a letter of interest and brief biography to hsstac@dhs.gov or fax to the attention of Dr. Ron Taylor at 202-772-9916. Applicants selected for appointment will be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee.

DATES: Your letter of interest and brief biography should reach the Department of Homeland Security on or before January 15, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald Taylor, Director, Office of Studies and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate, telephone 202-205-5041, fax 202-772-9916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose

The HSSTAC shall make recommendations with respect to the activities of the Under Secretary for Science and Technology, including identifying research areas of potential importance to the security of the Nation. The HSSTAC is to be a source of independent, scientific and technical planning advice for the Under Secretary for Science and Technology.

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The HSSTAC consists of 20 members appointed by the Under Secretary for Science and Technology. The HSSTAC also includes emergency first-responders or representatives of organizations or associations of emergency first-responders. (We are not requesting applicants for these positions in this notice.) The HSSTAC also includes representatives of citizens groups, including economically-disadvantaged communities. The HSSTAC members are (1) eminent in fields such as emergency response, research, engineering, new product development, business, and management consulting; (2) selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service; (3) not employees of the Federal Government; and, (4) selected as to provide representation of a cross-section of the research, development, demonstration, and deployment activities supported by the Under Secretary for Science and Technology.

Members will serve terms of office of 3 years. However, to permit orderly turnover of the committee's membership, the original members of the HSSTAC will be appointed to three groups of approximately equal numbers each, and their terms of office will be staggered. One group will have a term

of 1 year, 1 a term of 2 years, and the other a term of 3 years.

While attending meetings or otherwise engaged in Committee business, Committee members are authorized travel and subsistence or *per diem* allowances (as appropriate) in accordance with Federal government regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Maritime Security Directives (MARSEC Directives) 104-1, 104-2, 104-3, 104-4, 105-1, 105-2, 105-3 and 106-1; Performance Standards for Cruise Ships and Facilities, Passenger Vessels/Ferryboats and Facilities, Cargo/Other Commercial Vessels and Facilities, Mobile Oil Drilling Units/Off-Shore Supply Vessels, and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Facilities

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces the availability of MARSEC Directives 104-01, 104-02, 104-03, 104-4, 105-01, 105-02, 105-03, and 106-1. The MARSEC Directives provide performance standards to assist facility and vessel owners/operators with developing facility and vessel security plans that comport with national maritime security initiatives. Information within the MARSEC Directives is designated sensitive security information (SSI) and is not subject to public release.

DATES: The MARSEC Directives listed above will be available on December 22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The MARSEC Directives listed above are available at the following U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Offices:

Boston; Tel (617) 223-3000, 455 Commercial St., Boston, MA 02109-1096.
 Portland; Tel (207) 780-3251, 103 Commercial St., Portland, ME 04101-4726.
 Providence; Tel (401) 435-2300, 20 Risho Ave. East, Providence, RI 02914-1208.
 Group/MSO Long Island Sound; Tel (203) 468-4400, 120 Woodward Ave., New Haven, CT 06512-3698.
 New York; Tel (718) 354-4003 212, Coast Guard Dr, Staten IIs, NY 10305.
 Baltimore; Tel (410) 576-2561, 2401 Hawkins Point Rd, Baltimore, MD 21226-5000.
 Philadelphia; Tel (215) 271-4800, One Washington Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19147-4395.
 Hampton Roads; Tel (757) 668-5510, Norfolk Federal Bldg., 200 Granby Mall, Suite 700, Norfolk, VA 23510-1888.
 Wilmington; Tel (910) 772-2200, 400 Medical Center Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405-1816.
 Miami; Tel (305) 535-8705, 100 MacArthur Cswy, Miami, FL 33139.
 Tampa; Tel (813) 228-2191, 155 Columbia Dr., Tampa, FL 33606-3598.
 Jacksonville; Tel (904) 232-2640, 7820 Arlington Expy. Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32211-7445.
 Savannah; Tel (912) 652-4353, Juliette G. Low Federal Bldg., 100 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Suite 1017, Savannah, GA 31401.
 Charleston; Tel (843) 724-7683, 196 Tradd St., Charleston, SC 29401-1817.
 San Juan; Tel (787) 706-2400, P.O. Box 71526, San Juan, PR 00936-8626.
 St. Louis; Tel (314) 539-3091, 1222 Spruce St., St. Louis, MO 63103-2835.
 Memphis; Tel (901) 544-3941, 200 Jefferson Ave., Suite 1301, Memphis, TN 38103-2300.
 Paducah; Tel (270) 442-1621, 225 Tully St. Paducah, KY 42003-0170.
 Pittsburgh; Tel (412) 644-5808, Suite 1150, Kossman Bldg., 100 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1371.
 Huntington; Tel (304) 529-5524, 1415 6th Ave., Huntington, WV 25701-2420.
 Louisville; Tel (502) 582-5194, 600 Martin Luther King Jr. Place Rm. 360, Louisville, KY 40202-2230.
 Mobile; Tel (251) 441-5201, South Broad St., Bldg. 102, Mobile, AL 36615-1390.

Corpus Christi; Tel (361) 888-3162, 555 N. Carancahua Street, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, TX 78478.
 Port Arthur; Tel (409) 723-6509, Federal Bldg, 2875 Jimmy Johnson Blvd., Port Arthur, TX 77640-2099.
 Houston-Galveston; Tel (713) 671-5199, 9640 Clinton Drive, Galena Park, TX 77029.
 New Orleans; Tel (504) 589-6196, 1615 Poydras St. #77, New Orleans, LA 70112-1254.
 Morgan City; Tel (985) 380-5305, 800 David Dr., Rm. 232 Morgan City, LA 70380-1304.
 Sault Ste. Marie; Tel (906) 635-3220, 337 Water Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783-9501.
 Chicago; Tel (630) 986-2155, 215 West 83rd St., Suite D, Burr Ridge, IL 60521-7059.
 Milwaukee; Tel (414) 747-7155, 2420 S. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53207-1997.
 Detroit; Tel (313) 568-9580, 110 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-4380.
 Toledo; Tel (419) 259-6372, 420 Madison Ave., Suite 700, Toledo, OH 43604-1265.
 Cleveland; Tel (216) 937-0111, 1055 East Ninth St., Cleveland, OH 44114-1092.
 Buffalo; Tel (716) 843-9570, 1 Fuhrmann Blvd., Buffalo, NY 14203-3189
 Duluth; Tel (218) 720-5286, 600 S. Lake Ave., Duluth, MN 55802-2352.
 San Diego; Tel (619) 683-6500, 2716 North Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101-1064.
 San Francisco Bay; Tel (510) 437-3135, Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 14 Alameda, CA 94501-5100.
 Los Angeles-Long Beach; Tel (562) 980-4429, 1001 S. Seaside Ave, Bldg 20, San Pedro, CA 90731-0208.
 Portland; Tel (503) 240-9310, 6767 N. Basin Ave., Portland, OR 97217-3992.
 Puget Sound; Tel (206) 217-6200, 1519 Alaskan Way South Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98134-1192.
 Honolulu; Tel (808) 522-8251, 433 Ala Moana Blvd., Pier 4, Honolulu, HI 96813-4909.
 Guam; Tel (671) 339-2001, PSC 455, Box 176, FPO AP 96540-1056.
 Anchorage; Tel (907) 271-6700, 510 L. St., Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99501-1946.
 Juneau; Tel (907) 463-2450, 2760 Sherwood Lane, Suite 2A, Juneau, AK 99801-8545.
 Prince William Sound; Tel (907) 835-7200, P.O. Box 486, 105 Clifton Dr., Valdez, AK 99686-0486.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions regarding this notice, call LT Bruce Walker, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-4148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Action Is the Coast Guard Taking?

The Coast Guard is promulgating MARSEC Directives for those owners and operators of vessels and facilities subject to 33 CFR parts 104, 105, or 106.

(a) MARSEC Directives 104-1 and 104-2 applies to U.S. and foreign cruise ships, passenger vessels, and ferryboats that are subject to 33 CFR Part 104 that operate in U.S. waters.

(b) MARSEC Directive 104-3 applies to U.S. cargo, towing, and other commercial vessels subject to 33 CFR Part 104 that operate in U.S. waters. Foreign cargo and other commercial vessels subject to the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code are not subject to the MARSEC Directives; however, implementation of their security plans will be reviewed during Port State Control examinations.

(c) MARSEC Directive 104-4 applies to U.S. Mobile Offshore Drilling Units and offshore supply vessels subject to 33 CFR part 104 that operate in waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

(d) MARSEC Directive 105-1 applies to facilities in the U.S. subject to 33 CFR part 105 that receive U.S. and foreign cruise ships.

(e) MARSEC Directive 105-2 applies to facilities in the U.S. subject to 33 CFR part 105 that receive U.S. and foreign passenger vessels and ferryboats.

(f) MARSEC Directive 105-3 applies to cargo and other commercial facilities in the U.S. subject to 33 CFR Part 105 that receive vessels and barges subject to 33 CFR 104.105.

(g) MARSEC Directive 106-1 applies to Outer Continental Shelf facilities operating in U.S. waters and not subject to 33 CFR part 104.

Owners and operators have the primary responsibility for ensuring the security of their vessels and facilities. Owners and operators must include the performance standards listed in the MARSEC Directives in their vessel and facility security plans.

The performance standards do not impose new industry requirements but provide supplemental direction to assist with the development of vessel and facility security plans required by 33 CFR parts 104, 105, and 106.

To ensure these performance standards are disseminated efficiently and consistently, Coast Guard Area/District Commanders and COTPs will notify appropriate owners and operators of vessels and/or facilities regulated under 33 CFR parts 104, 105 and 106. The COTP or Area/District Commander will confirm, prior to distributing the MARSEC Directive, that the

individual(s) is a "covered person" with a "need to know", and that the MARSEC Directive will be safeguarded as SSI as defined in 49 CFR part 1520.

Owners/operators of vessels and facilities regulated under 33 CFR parts 104, 105, and 106 may also contact the local COTP to obtain a copy of the applicable MARSEC Directive. Local COTP contact information can be found in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Why Is the Coast Guard Taking This Action?

The Coast Guard is issuing these MARSEC Directives to assist owners and operators of the affected maritime industries in developing vessel and security plans required by 33 CFR parts 104 through 106.

Each MARSEC Directive contains SSI. If disclosed, the SSI could be used to subvert or exploit the security programs of vessels, facilities, or ports. Therefore, the MARSEC Directives are not subject to public disclosure, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 40119.

Since MARSEC Directives 104-1 thru 104-4, 105-1 thru 105-3, and 106-1 are issued to protect national security and to preserve the rights and obligations of the U.S. with regards to maritime security, the Coast Guard has determined that the issuance of these MARSEC Directives do not fall within the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act by virtue of the military and foreign affairs exemption (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1)). Furthermore, the basis for the MARSEC Directives would also constitute "good cause" within the meaning of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) and (d)(3)) regarding notice and comment rulemaking and effective dates since it would be contrary to the public interest and impracticable to provide SSI relating to maritime security and methods of detection, deterrence, and response in a public forum.

Dated: December 15, 2003.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Port Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-16682]

Interpretations of Vessel Tonnage Measurement Regulations

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice addresses the use of a Marine Safety Center Technical Note (MTN) for interpreting the Coast Guard's vessel tonnage measurement regulations. While the regulations provide the necessary framework for assigning gross and net tonnages and registered dimensions to vessels, detailed interpretations of the regulations must be periodically made and disseminated to organizations authorized to perform tonnage measurement on the Coast Guard's behalf. This notice advises the public on how an MTN on tonnage measurement may be obtained and the process by which this MTN is periodically updated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective on December 22, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Peter Eareckson, Chief, Tonnage Division, United States Coast Guard, (202) 366-6502. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366-0271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

If you have comments on how the Marine Safety Center Technical Note (MTN) on tonnage measurement may be obtained and the process by which the MTN is periodically updated, please submit your comments, identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2003-16682, to the Docket Management Facility located at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

- (1) Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.
- (2) Mail: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- (3) Fax: (202) 493-2251.
- (4) Delivery: Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.
- (5) Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time and conduct a simple search using the

docket number. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Background

The Coast Guard is responsible for maintaining regulations for assigning gross and net tonnages and registered dimensions to vessels. These regulations are found in title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 69, Measurement of Vessels. As was true for predecessor Federal agencies responsible for interpreting the tonnage measurement regulations, the Coast Guard has found it necessary to establish interpretations of these regulations to respond to novel situations, on a case-by-case basis, through policy decisions. Periodically, these policy decisions are evaluated as to their appropriateness for incorporation into the tonnage measurement regulations.

MTN 01-99, Tonnage Technical Policy

MTN 01-99, Tonnage Technical Policy, is the current vehicle for ensuring that policy decisions are available to organizations authorized to perform tonnage measurement on behalf of the Coast Guard. MTNs are policy documents developed and issued by the Coast Guard Marine Safety Center (MSC), a Coast Guard headquarters unit responsible for tonnage measurement, plan review, and a number of other technical functions. All MTNs, including MTN 01-99, are posted on the MSC's Web site at www.uscg.mil/hq/msc. A copy of the current version of MTN 01-99 is available in the docket (see "Viewing Comments and Documents," above.) While MTN 01-99 is intended for use by organizations authorized to perform tonnage measurement on behalf of the Coast Guard, we recognize that it contains information that may affect decisions on vessel designs and that the public may benefit by our making it widely available to parties other than authorized measurement organizations.

Changes to MTN 01-99

The MSC periodically issues changes to MTN 01-99 to keep it up-to-date with relevant policy decisions. Since it was first published in 1999, MTN 01-99 has undergone six changes. The current version of the document (MTN 01-99 Change 6) includes interpretations summarized as follows: