

APPENDIX C

(OMB No. 2133-0013 applies to this collection of information.)

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

At the beginning of a project shippers **should** (required for Conditional Waivers):

- meet with the U.S.-flag ocean carriers
- meet with the Maritime Administration

Purpose:

- lay out project in as much detail as possible
- discuss contract requirements
- discuss any unique or expected problem requirements
- provide best estimates, details, pictures of types of cargo
- identify any long lead time or critical items
- discuss what cargoes should move together and why
- discuss anticipated shipment dates tied to project schedules
- discuss items which it is doubtful U.S. carriers can handle & alternatives
- obtain carrier capabilities & alternatives
- establish and maintain a dialogue with U.S.-flag carriers

Note: For Conditional Waivers, the shipper must specify the projected oversized cargoes and integral components and specify their projected shipping dates.

In addition, for the Maritime Administration meeting:

- discuss potential waivers, if applicable
- discuss reporting requirements
- establish a working relationship with Maritime Administration

The essential information will be posted on the Maritime Administration web site.

As the project progresses, keep the carriers and Maritime Administration informed of progress related to initial projections and unforeseen problems as they arise.

Increased understanding of each party's objectives and capabilities will establish better communications and create a smoother/faster process.