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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4483]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), through the Working Group on Radio Communications and Search and Rescue of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea, will conduct open meetings at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, November 6, December 11, and January 29, 2004. The meetings will be held at the Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20950. Call the point of contact below for room numbers. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the Eighth Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue (COMSAR), which is scheduled for the week of February 16-20, 2004, at IMO headquarters in London, England.

The primary matters to be considered are:

- Maritime Safety Information for GMDSS
- Development of a procedure for recognition of mobile satellite systems
- Revision of performance standards for NAVTEX equipment
- Emergency radiocommunications, including false alerts and interference
- Large passenger ship safety
- Issues related to maritime security
- Developments in maritime radiocommunication systems and technology, including long-range tracking
- Matters concerning Search & Rescue
- Planning for the 8th session of COMSAR

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the rooms. Interested persons may seek information, including meeting room numbers, by writing; Mr. Russell S. Levin, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-SCT-2), Room 6509, 2100 Second

Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, by calling: (202) 267-1389, or by sending Internet electronic mail to rlevin@comdt.uscg.mil and viewing <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/imo/meetings.htm>.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

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Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-15025]

Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: Truck Driver Fatigue Management Survey

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) described in this notice is being sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. On May 30, 2003, the FMCSA published a "Notice of Request for Clearance of a New Information Collection: Truck Driver Fatigue Management Survey" in the **Federal Register**. Comments on the proposed information collection burden were solicited. No comments regarding the ICR were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 Seventeenth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, *Attention:* DOT Desk Officer. We particularly request your comments on whether the collection of information is necessary for the FMCSA to meet its goals of reducing truck crashes, including whether the information is useful to this goal; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms on information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Carroll, Transportation Specialist, (202) 385-2388, Research

Division, Office of Research and Technology, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 600 Virginia Avenue, SW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20024. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Truck Driver Fatigue Management Survey.

Background: The Conference Report on the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Pub. L. 107-87, 115 Stat. 833, December 18, 2001) noted that the conferees included \$400,000 to study fatigue management techniques, as outlined in the Senate report (H.R. Rep. No. 107-308, at 94 (2001)). The Senate Report on the FY 2002 DOT Appropriations Act directed FMCSA to perform a "study to determine the fatigue management techniques used by truck drivers during overnight operations with an organization representing unionized motor carriers in cooperation with their labor organization" (S. Rep. 107-38, at 83-84 (2001)).

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), on FMCSA's behalf, published a Pre-solicitation Notice on July 1, 2002, on the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Business Opportunities Web site, describing the anticipated sole-source award to the Motor Freight Carriers Association (MFCA), and on September 30, 2002, FMCSA awarded the MFCA a contract to conduct a Truck Driver Fatigue Management Study.

Recent research has underscored the influence of time of day on truck driver alertness. The same research has shown that there are significant individual differences in alertness during night driving, even when drivers have adequate sleep. Yet the trucking industry must operate 24 hours a day in order to meet customer demands. In addition, the highways are least congested between midnight and six a.m. The unionized less-than-truckload (LTL) segment has a long history of safe operations at night. Indeed, most of its over-the-road operations occur at night. A major reason for the safety record of MFCA companies is the professionalism of the drivers they employ—more than 8,000 of the 42,000 drivers have at least one million accident-free driving miles with the same company. This truck driver workforce offers an untapped source of knowledge about techniques and lifestyle practices that are used to manage fatigue during night operations.

Specifically, the study will randomly survey Teamster drivers in MFCA companies who regularly operate on