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MARITIME SECURITY MEETINGS

The U.S. Coast Guard has announced in the December 30th, 2002 Federal Register that it will hold a series of seven public meetings to discuss requirements for security assessments, plans, and specific security measures for ports, vessels, and facilities. The discussions will aid the Coast Guard in determining the types of vessels and facilities that pose a risk of being involved in a transportation security incident, and in identifying security measures and standards to deter such incidents. Discussions will also focus on aligning domestic maritime security requirements with the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and recent amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), to comply with section 102 (Port Security) of the recently enacted Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA). Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to attend the meetings and submit comments for discussion during the meetings. Comments are also sought from anyone unable to attend the meetings. Comments and related material must be received by February 28, 2003.

The schedule of public meetings is as follows: January 27, New Orleans, Louisiana; January 30, Cleveland, Ohio; January 31, St. Louis, Missouri; February 3, Seattle, Washington; February 5, Los Angeles-Long Beach, California; February 7, Jacksonville, Florida; and February 11, New York, New York.

Details regarding meeting locations, the address to which comments should be submitted, list of suggested attendees, and who to contact for further information, etc., are included in Federal Register notice, which may be accessed via the Internet at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2002/pdf/02-32845.pdf>

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