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New Maritime Security Regulations

A Federal Register notice published by the Coast Guard on December 30, 2002 served as the first step toward the promulgation of new maritime security regulations. As part of this process, the Coast Guard is holding several public meetings to discuss requirements for security assessments, plans, and countermeasures for ports, vessels and facilities. These meetings will be built around the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, applicable SOLAS amendments and Coast Guard Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs).

On December 20, 2002, an announcement was made concerning "Maritime Security Public Meetings and Request for Comments". This announcement can be found on-line at <http://cgweb.comdt.uscg.mil/G-Mp/federalregister.htm>. The website also contains a schedule of public meetings, a list of organizations that should attend, the topics to be discussed, and suggestions on how companies should prepare. It also contains the ISPS Code and SOLAS amendments. The meeting nearest to Toledo is scheduled for January 30, 2003, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel, 777 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44144. We ask that you carefully review the references above; and please consider attending one of the public meetings.

I greatly appreciate your ongoing efforts to safeguard our nation from terrorism. If you have questions, or if you would like to request reference materials by mail, please contact Lieutenant Quincy Davis at (419) 418-6030.

Sincerely,

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