
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5121–5207, prescribes that FEMA must annually adjust the maximum grant amount made under section 422, Simplified Procedures, relating to the Public Assistance program, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.

FEMA gives notice of an increase in the maximum amount of any Small Project Grant made to the State, local government, or to the owner or operator of an eligible private nonprofit facility, under section 422 of the Stafford Act, to $66,400 for all disasters declared on or after October 1, 2011.

FEMA bases the adjustment on an increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers of 3.8 percent for the 12-month period ended in August 2011. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor released the information on September 15, 2011.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.036, Public Assistance Grants.


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG–2011–0204]

Navigation Safety Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) will meet on November 1–2, 2011, in San Diego, California to discuss matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, groundings, Inland and International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: NAVSAC will meet Tuesday, November 1, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, November 2, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa, 3999 Mission Boulevard, San Diego, California 92109.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the persons listed in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee as listed in the “Agenda” section below. You may submit presentations and/or written comments no later than October 24, 2011, and they must be identified by USCG–2011–0204 using one of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments (preferred method to avoid delays in processing).

• Fax: 202–493–2251.

• Mail: Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

• Hand delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public docket in the January 17, 2008, issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments related to this notice, go to http://www.regulations.gov, click on the “read comments” box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the “Keyword” box insert “USCG–2011–0204” and click “Search.” Click the “Open Docket Folder” in the “Actions” column. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions about this meeting, please contact Mr. Mike Sollosi, the NAVSAC Alternate Designated Federal Officer (ADFO), at telephone 202–372–1545 or e-mail mike.m.sollosi@uscg.mil, or Mr. Dennis Fahr, at telephone 202–372–1531 or e-mail dennis.fahr@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463).

The NAVSAC is an advisory committee authorized in 33 U.S.C. 2073 and chartered under the provisions of the FACA. NAVSAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary, through the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, on matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings, Inland and International Rules of the Road, navigation regulations and equipment, routing measures, marine information, diving safety, and aids to navigation systems.

Agenda

The NAVSAC will meet to review, discuss and formulate recommendations on the following topics:

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

(1) Navigation Rules Regulatory Project. This topic will address the Coast Guard’s progress toward implementing NAVSAC approved changes to the Inland Navigation Rules.

(2) E–Navigation Strategy. Under the auspices of the Committee on the Marine Transportation System, the Coast Guard and other agencies have developed a National e-Navigation Strategy that will establish a framework for data exchange between and among ships and shore facilities. The Council will update information on that effort.

(3) Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS)Anomalies.
Mandatory carriage of ECDIS will be phased in beginning in 2012. This series of presentations will inform the Council of developments and difficulties encountered in deploying ECDIS, including accuracy of charted positions, the range of vessels to be impacted, and training requirements for ECDIS.

The following tasks will also be discussed and further action contemplated by work groups assigned for each task:

1. NAVSAC Task 11–01 Kite Propulsion Systems (Sky Sails). The use of Sky Sails to augment propulsion on vessels is a real possibility. This task will address whether there should be restrictions on their use.

2. NAVSAC Task 11–02 Proximity of Offshore Energy Installations (OREI) to established ships’ routing measures. The Council will be asked to complete the discussion on the need for “buffer zones” around offshore renewable energy.

3. NAVSAC Task 11–03 RACONS. The Council will be asked to discuss and provide an opinion on the continued use of radar beacons (RACONS) as aids to navigation.

4. NAVSAC Task 11–04 Sound Signals. The Council will be asked to discuss and provide an opinion on the continued use of sound signals as aids to navigation.

5. NAVSAC Task 11–05 ECDIS Anomalies. The Council will be advised of the current status of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) and of the types of anomalies being discovered as more ECDIS enter into use.


7. NAVSAC Task 11–07 Virtual Aids to Navigation Aids. Navigation authorities are considering deploying virtual aids to navigation as an alternative to physical lights, daybeacons and buoys under certain circumstances. This topic will inform the Council on virtual aids and discuss their possible use in United States’ waters.

8. NAVSAC Task 11–08 Crew Fatigue. The Council will discuss the unintended consequences some regulations are causing regarding crew endurance and crew fatigue.

A public presentation/comment period will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Speakers’ presentations/comments are limited to 10 minutes each.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

(1) Task Working Group Discussions continue from November 1, 2011.

(2) Working Group Reports presented to council.

(3) New Business:
   a. IMO Safety Navigation Subcommittee.
      The Coast Guard will update the Council on recent decisions and planned outputs of the IMO Safety Navigation Subcommittee.
   b. Summary of NAVSAC Action Items.
   c. Schedule Next Meeting Date—Spring 2012.
   d. Committee discussion of new tasks.

(4) A public presentation/comment period will be held after the discussion of new tasks. Speakers’ presentations/comments are limited to 10 minutes each.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[DOCKET NO. USCG–2011–0731]

Notification of the Removal of Conditions of Entry on Vessels Arriving From the Republic of Congo

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that it is removing the conditions of entry on vessels arriving from the country of the Republic of Congo.

DATES: The policy announced in this notice is effective on October 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: This notice is part of docket USCG–2011–0731 and is available online on the following site: http://www.regulations.gov, clicking USCG–2011–0731 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” This material is also available for inspection and copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Mr. Michael Brown, International Port Security Evaluation Division, United States Coast Guard, telephone 202–372–1081. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826 or (toll free) 1–800–647–5527.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

Title 46, Section 70110, United States Code, enacted as part of section 102(a) of the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–295, Nov. 25, 2002) authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to impose conditions of entry on vessels requesting entry into the United States arriving from ports that are not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures. It also requires public notice of the ineffective anti-terrorism measures. The Secretary has delegated to the Coast Guard authority to carry out the provisions of this section. Previous notices have imposed or removed conditions of entry on vessels arriving from certain countries, and those conditions of entry and the countries they pertain to remain in effect except as modified below. All such notices are available for review online by going to http://www.homeport.uscg.mil, clicking on the “Maritime Security” and then “International Port Security Program” tabs, and then following the link.

On September 1, 2009 the Coast Guard published a Notice of Policy in the Federal Register, (74 FR 45230), announcing that it had determined that ports in the Republic of Congo were not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, and imposed conditions of entry.

Based on recent information, the Coast Guard has determined that the Republic of Congo is now maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures, and is accordingly removing the conditions of entry announced in the previously published Notice of Policy. With this notice, the current list of countries not maintaining effective anti-terrorism measures is as follows: Cambodia, Cameroon, Comoros, Cote d’Ivoire, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran, Liberia, Madagascar, Sao Tome and Principe, Syria, Timor-Leste, and Venezuela.

This notice is issued under authority of 46 U.S.C. 70110(d).

Dated: October 6, 2011.

Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno, USCG, Deputy Commandant for Operations.

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