

is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; (3) does not become operative for 30 days from July 22, 1996, the date on which it was filed, and the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(e)(6) thereunder.¹⁴

The Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and therefore had determined to make the proposed rule change operative as of August 27, 1996. The Commission notes that, according to the Report submitted by the Exchange, no evidence exists of any adverse effects on competition or investors or the market for equity or index options, and no oral or written complaints have been received by the Exchange regarding inequitable splits or the Pilot Program in general. As a result, the Commission believes that extending the Pilot Program for one year, until August 26, 1997, is appropriate and consistent with the Act.¹⁵

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection or investors,

or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PHLX-96-29 and should be submitted by September 3, 1996.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulations, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and its Prevention Through People (PTP) and Hazardous Substance Response Plans (HSRP) Subcommittees will meet to discuss various issues relating to the marine transportation of hazardous materials in bulk. All meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of CTAC will be held on Friday, September 6, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting of the PTP and HSRP Subcommittees will be

held on Thursday, September 5, 1996, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Written material and request to make oral presentation should reach the Coast Guard on or before August 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The CTAC meeting will be held in room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC. The PTP Subcommittee meeting will be held in room 1103 at the same address. The HSRP Subcommittee meeting will be held in room 1303 at the same address. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Commander Kevin S. Cook, Commandant (G-MSO-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Kevin S. Cook, Executive Director of CTAC, or Lieutenant J.J. Plunkett, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone (202) 267-0087, fax (202) 267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

Agendas of Meetings

Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Progress report from the Prevention through People (PTP) Subcommittee.
- (2) Progress report from the ad-hoc 46 CFR Part 152 Subcommittee.
- (3) Final report from the Hazardous Substance Response Plan (HSRP) Subcommittee.
- (4) Discuss CTAC's continuing involvement in HSRP regulatory development.
- (5) Discuss proposal to form a Subcommittee for revision of the vapor control system regulations.
- (6) Presentation of confined space entry training video.
- (7) Overview of the Chemical Distribution Institute (CDI)—an international chemical and liquefied gas carrier inspection service and database.

Prevention through People (PTP) Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Presentation of each subcommittee member's work and plans for the future.
- (2) Review and discuss the work completed by each member.

Hazardous Substance Response Plan (HSRP) Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Presentation of the final report.
- (2) Discuss CTAC's continuing involvement in HSRP regulatory development.

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e)(6).

¹⁵ The Commission notes that in connection with any future request by the Exchange for the Commission to either further extend or permanently approve the Pilot Program, the Exchange will be required to submit a report discussing (1) whether the Pilot Program has generated any evidence of any adverse effect on competition or investors, in particular, or the market for equity or index options, in general, (2) whether the Exchange has received any complaints, either written or otherwise, concerning the operation of the Pilot Program, and (3) whether the Exchange has taken any disciplinary action against, or commenced any investigations, examinations, or inquiries concerning the operation of the Pilot Program, as well as the outcome of any such matter.

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chairperson's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting should notify the Executive Director no later than August 26, 1996. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than August 26, 1996. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meetings, that person should submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than August 19, 1996.

Information on Services for the Handicapped

For information on facilities or services for the handicapped or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Lieutenant Plunkett as soon as possible.

Dated: August 5, 1996.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**Research and Development Programs Meeting**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on September 11, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on August 22, 1996. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by August 29, 1996, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the August 29 date will be answered at the meeting in the discussion period. The individual,

group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by August 29 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the September 11, 1996, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., SW, Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is 202-366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA intends to provide detailed presentations about its research and development programs in a series of public meetings. The series started in April 1993. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This fourteenth meeting in the series will be held on September 11, 1996.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on August 22, 1996. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers listed elsewhere in this notice. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentations at the September 11 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations.

Specific R&D topic is:

On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects.

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

Air bag assessment research,
Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),
Advanced glazing research,
Vehicle aggressivity and fleet

compatibility,
Upgrade side crash protection,
Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems,
Child safety research (ISOFIX),
Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,
Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection,
Highway traffic injury studies,
Head and neck injury research,
Lower extremity injury research,
Thorax injury research,
Human injury simulation and analysis,
Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and
Advanced frontal test dummy.
Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:
Strategic plan for NHTSA's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) program for 1997-2002,
Estimation of safety benefits for ITS collision avoidance systems,
Truck tire traction,
Portable data acquisition system for crash avoidance research (DASCAR),
Systems to enhance EMS response (automatic collision notification),
Crash causal analysis,
Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices,
Longer combination vehicle safety,
Drowsy driver monitoring,
Driver workload assessment,
Pedestrian detection devices for school bus safety,
Preliminary rear-end collision avoidance system guidelines,
Preliminary road departure collision avoidance system guidelines,
Preliminary intersection collision avoidance system guidelines, and
Preliminary lane change/merge collision avoidance system guidelines.

National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) topics are:
Status of National Accident Sampling System (NASS), including implementation of electronic data collection and changes in sampling,
NCSA information services, including electronic access to collected information, and
Special crash investigation studies of air bag cases.

Separately, questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on August 29, 1996, will be answered. A transcript of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and copies of the suggestions offered by commenters will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA's