

that the debit process eliminates the need to require a security deposit since the Exchange would debit member accounts at NSCC on a given day of each month and such debiting would eliminate the risk of unpaid invoices because of the large amounts of capital held at NSCC by members.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes amending the title of Rule 909 from "Security for Exchange Fees and Other Claims" to "Collection of Exchange Fees and Other Claims" in order to more accurately describe the proposed rule. The Exchange would provide members with a thirty day period, upon approval of this proposal, to provide the Membership Department with an NSCC number, if they have not already provided such a number in the past.¹⁰

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹² in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest, by providing its members with an alternative to providing a security deposit to the Exchange while also providing members with an efficient process to pay undisputed or final fees, fines, charges and/or other monetary sanctions or monies due and owing to the Exchange. The Exchange believes that this process of debiting NSCC accounts will ease the member's administrative burden in paying monthly invoices, avoid overdue balances and provide same day collection from all members, who owe monies to the Exchange, which results in equitable treatment.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

not take action to debit a member account until all appeal periods have run and/or all appeal timeframes are exhausted. Any uncontested disciplinary or non-disciplinary actions will be debited, and the amount due will appear on the members invoice prior to the actual NSCC debit.

¹⁰ Currently, there are members who have provided the Exchange with an NSCC clearing account number, which accounts are already debited on a monthly basis.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission shall: (a) By order approve such proposed rule change, or (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2009-101 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2009-101. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room on official business days between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2009-101 and should be submitted on or before January 7, 2010.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6182]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, in Room 10-0718 of Jemal's Riverside Building, 1900 Half Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the forty-first session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from January 11 to January 15, 2010.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Decisions of other IMO bodies;
- Validation of modal training courses;
- Unlawful practices associated with certificates of competency;
- Training for seafarer safety representatives;
- Casualty analysis;
- Comprehensive review of the STCW Convention and the STCW Code;
- Review of the principles for establishing the safe manning levels of ships;
- Measures to enhance maritime security;
- Development of an e-navigation strategy implementation plan;
- Revision of the recommendations for entering enclosed spaces aboard ships;

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

- Development of model procedures for executing ship board emergency procedures; and
- Work programme and agenda for STW 42.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator; Ms. Zoe Goss by e-mail at zoe.a.goss@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1425, by fax at (202) 372-1926, or in writing at Commandant (CG-5212), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001 not later than 72 hours before the meeting. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited.

Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/imo>.

Dated: December 8, 2009.

J. Trent Warner,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6842]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2010, in Room 6103 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fifty second Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety (SLF) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from January 25 to January 29, 2010.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Development of new generation intact stability criteria
- Safety of small fishing vessels

- Development of options to improve effect on ship design and safety of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement, 1969
- Time dependent survivability of passenger ships in damaged condition
- Guidance on the impact of open watertight doors on existing and new ship survivability
- Stability and sea-keeping characteristics of damaged passenger ships in a seaway when returning to port by own power or under tow
- Guidelines for verification of damage stability requirements for tankers and bulk carriers
- Safety provisions applicable to tenders operating from passenger ships
- Damage stability regulations for ro-ro passenger ships
- Development of an agreement on the implementation of the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol
- Consideration of IACS unified interpretations
- Subdivision standards for cargo ships
- Work program and agenda for SLF 53
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2011
- Any other business
- Amendments to the 1966 Load Line Convention and the 1988 Load Line Protocol related to seasonal zone
- Report to the Maritime Safety Committee.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator; Mr. Jaideep Sirkar by e-mail at jaideep.sirkar@uscg.mil, by phone at (202) 372-1366, by fax at (202) 372-1925, or in writing at Commandant (CG-5212), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126 not later than 72 hours before the meeting. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available). However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/imo>.

Dated: December 8, 2009.

Jon Trent Warner,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[Docket No. FHWA-2009-0131]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: The FHWA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval for changes to a currently approved information collection that is summarized below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Please submit comments by February 16, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number FHWA-2009-0131, by any of the following methods:

Web Site: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

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

Hand Delivery or Courier: 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. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Jensen, 202-366-2048 or Kenneth Petty, 202-366-6654, Office of Planning, Environment, and Realty, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15