

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3368]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Charlotte Salomon: Life? Or Theatre?"

DEPARTMENT: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 [79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459], the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 [112 Stat. 2681 *et seq.*], Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999 [64 FR 56014], and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended by Delegation of Authority No. 236-1 of November 9, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit, "Charlotte Salomon: Life? Or Theatre?," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with a foreign lender. I also determine that the temporary exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts from on or about August 9, 2000, to on or about October 29, 2000, and thenceforth at the Jewish Museum in New York for an undetermined period, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul W. Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, United States Department of State, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: July 14, 2000.

Helena Kane Finn,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3367]

Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Public Meeting To Discuss Progress on International Harmonization of Chemical Hazard Classification and Labeling

SUMMARY: The United States government, through an interagency working group, is preparing for a series of international meetings to further develop a globally harmonized system (GHS) of chemical hazard classification and labeling. The Department of State will hold a public meeting to provide an update on recent activities and a preview of upcoming international meetings.

The public meeting will take place on Thursday, August 10, 2000, from 10:00 AM until noon in Room C5521 at the U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Attendees should use the entrance at C and Third Streets NW. Attendees should bring picture identification with them. No advance registration is necessary. For further information, please contact Marie Ricciardone, U.S. Department of State, Office of Environmental Policy (OES/ENV), Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520; telephone (202) 647-9799; fax (202) 647-5947; e-mail RicciardoneMD@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of State is issuing this notice to help ensure that interested organizations and individuals are aware of and knowledgeable about the effort to internationally harmonize chemical hazard classification and labeling, and have an opportunity to offer comments. Agencies participating in the U.S. government interagency group include: Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. For more complete information on the GHS process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951-15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

This meeting will provide an update on GHS activities since the previous public meeting on April 27, 2000 (see Department of State Public Notice 3276 on pages 19036-19037 of the **Federal Register** of April 10, 2000):

- Fifth Meeting of the Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)/International Labor Organization (ILO) Working Group of Hazard Communication, May 22-24, Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Sixteenth Consultation of the IOMC Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, May 25-26, Geneva, Switzerland.
 - Sixth Meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Expert Group on Classification Criteria for Chemical Mixtures, May 29-31, Paris, France.
 - Eighteenth Session of the UN Subcommittee on Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, July 3-13, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Members of the interagency working group will also provide an overview of the U.S. preparations for upcoming international meetings:
- The Seventh Meeting of the OECD Extended Expert Group on Aquatic Environmental Hazards (Paris, September 4-5) will develop guidance for applying harmonized hazard classification criteria for aquatic toxicity of chemical substances, decide on a work plan for a Dissolution Protocol, and develop harmonized hazard classification criteria for aquatic toxicity of chemical mixtures.
 - The Tenth Meeting of the OECD Task Force on Harmonization of Classification and Labeling (Paris, September 6-8) will consider harmonized hazard classification criteria for chemical mixtures, examine hazard classification criteria for target organ/systemic toxicity, and review the work of the Extended Expert Group on Aquatic Environmental Hazards.

Interested organizations and individuals are invited to present their views orally and/or in writing at the public meeting. Participants may address other topics relating to harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems, and identify issues of concern. Those organizations/individuals that cannot attend the August 10 meeting, but wish to submit a written comment, should provide Eunice Mourning of the Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State (telephone 202-647-9266; fax 202-647-5947) with their statement and/or name, organization, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. All written comments will be placed in the OSHA public docket (H-022H), which is open

Monday through Friday, from 10 AM until 4 PM, at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC; telephone 202-219-7894; fax: 202-219-5046.

Interested organizations/individuals that wish to receive future notifications of GHS-related developments by email should contact Mary Frances Lowe of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at "lowe.maryfrances@epa.gov".

Dated: July 17, 2000.

Daniel T. Fantozzi,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-2000-7642]

Lifesaving Equipment

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is hosting four workshops on the implementation of new lifesaving system rules for large passenger vessels operating in domestic waters. The meetings will be informal workshops open to the public and will be held in cities near high concentrations of passenger vessels affected by the new rules. The new rules apply to large passenger vessels in lakes, bays, and sounds and to rivers service; and require them to carry lifesaving equipment for all persons on board, or to develop a safety assessment in lieu of retrofitting lifesaving equipment. The workshops will help passenger vessel operators and Coast Guard inspection offices create a consistent process for the development and approval of the safety assessment alternative. This notice announces the dates, time, and locations of the four workshops.

DATES: The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m., on the following dates, but will close early if all business is finished.

St. Louis, MO, August 29, 2000
Seattle, WA, September 8, 2000
Staten Island, NY, September 26, 2000
New Orleans, LA, December 6, 2000

ADDRESSES: The workshops will be held at the following locations:

St. Louis, MO—Room 2-308, Robert A. Young Federal Building, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Seattle, WA—Bear Conference Room, Building 5, 1519 Alaskan Way S., Seattle, WA 98103.

Staten Island, NY—Fr. Capodanno Memorial Chapel, Activities New York, 203 New York Avenue, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, NY 10305-5005.

New Orleans, LA—Basement Conference Room, Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130-3396.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LCDR Kevin Kiefer, Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division (G-MSE-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-1444, fax 202-267-4816, or email KKiefer@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Lifesaving Equipment Final Rule [CGD 84-069], including changes to 46 CFR part 199, Lifesaving Systems For Certain Inspected Vessels, in subchapter W, Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements, was published on October 1, 1998 (63 FR 52802), with an effective date of November 2, 1998.

Subchapter W requires existing passenger vessels certificated under 46 CFR subchapter H in lakes, bays, and sounds service or in rivers service, to carry additional survival craft with a compliance date of October 1, 2003. As an alternative to the survival craft requirements listed in subchapter W, in 46 CFR 199.201(b), vessel operators may have a safety assessment approved by their local Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI). New passenger vessels or recently built vessels may also consider the safety assessment alternative to possibly reduce the number of required survival craft.

The safety assessment must include:

(1) the navigation and vessel safety conditions within the vessel's planned operating area; and

(2) a comprehensive shipboard safety management and contingency plan, including an evacuation plan that is tailored to the particular vessel, is easy to use, is understood by vessel management personnel both on board and ashore, and is updated regularly.

Paragraph (f) of 46 CFR 199.630 contains additional information about the contents of the safety assessment.

The Coast Guard recognizes that this performance-based regulation, designed to allow for flexibility, will inevitably involve some inconsistencies and differences of opinion. The implementation workshops will provide opportunities for the Coast Guard and vessel operators to work together to minimize these problems. The workshop participants will create a consistent process for the development and approval of safety assessments, which include Shipboard Safety

Management and Contingency Plans. The workshops will consider risk management principles such as the types of contingencies that need to be planned for, the probabilities of various types of emergencies, given the characteristics of the waterway, and to what degree ship characteristics and alternative equipment can substitute for lifesaving equipment.

The product of the workshops, which will be distributed to vessel operators and OCMI's after the completion of all four workshops, is the development of the criteria that will be used by the OCMI in the safety assessment approval process.

Format of Subchapter W Implementation Workshops

The subchapter W implementation workshops are open to the public and will consist of briefings and facilitated breakout sessions.

The morning sessions of the one-day workshops will provide background information and outline the Coast Guard view on the safety assessment approval process.

The afternoon sessions will be facilitated to tailor the safety assessment approval process and to develop criteria that will be used by the OCMI in the approval process. Members of the public attending the meetings are welcome to participate in all sessions. The workshops will begin at 9 a.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact LCDR Kevin Kiefer, Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division (G-MSE-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-1444, fax 202-267-4816, or email KKiefer@comdt.uscg.mil, as soon as possible.

Dated: July 14, 2000.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement: Lincoln County, Oregon

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.