

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this solicitation of comments is to assist HRSA in determining whether criteria developed by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) concerning organs procured from living donors, including those concerning the allocation of organs from living donors, should be given the same status, and be subject to the same enforcement actions, as other OPTN policies.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office in the address section below by mail or e-mail on or before February 22, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Please send all written comments to James F. Burdick, M.D., Director, Division of Transplantation, Healthcare Systems Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 12C-06, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857; telephone (301) 443-7577; fax (301) 594-6095; or e-mail: jburdick@hrsa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James F. Burdick, M.D., Director, Division of Transplantation, Healthcare Systems Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 12C-06, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857; telephone (301) 443-7577; fax (301) 594-6095; or e-mail: jburdick@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress has provided specific authority under Sections 372 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 274 for the creation of a national OPTN, which is, among other things, to facilitate a donor and recipient matching system; establish membership criteria and medical criteria for allocating donated organs; and provide opportunities to members of the public to comment with respect to proposed criteria.

The OPTN Final Rule (42 CFR part 121) governs the operations of the OPTN and is intended to help achieve the most equitable and medically effective use of human organs that are donated in trust for transplantation. Under the final rule, the OPTN is to develop policies on a variety of issues, including “[p]olicies for the equitable allocation of cadaveric organs [now referred to as deceased donor organs].” 42 CFR 121.4(a)(1). Under the final rule, allocation policies developed by the OPTN under section 121.8 of the final rule will be considered enforceable when and if the Secretary approves the policies as such. Enforceable OPTN policies are subject to the sanctions described in section 121.10(c)(1) of the final rule. Non-

enforceable OPTN policies may still be subject to lesser sanctions by the OPTN (e.g., an OPTN member being designated a member not in good standing).

Although the authorizing statute does not distinguish between transplants using organs from living donors from those using organs from deceased donors, the final rule does not include a requirement that the OPTN develop policies concerning the equitable allocation of living donor organs. Until recently, OPTN policies have predominantly focused on issues related to organ donation and transplantation of deceased donor organs.

However, several widely publicized living donor deaths have caused the OPTN to implement new practices of reviewing and approving, on an advisory basis, the qualifications of living donor transplant programs. Additionally, the increased incidence of altruistic living donations has prompted the OPTN to consider policies that are patient-focused yet address the unique circumstances pertaining to the recovery and transplantation of living donor organs. Section 121.4(a)(6) of the final rule provides that the OPTN shall be responsible for developing policies on a variety of topics, including “[p]olicies on such matters as the Secretary directs.” In accordance with that authority, the Healthcare Systems Bureau directed the OPTN to develop allocation guidelines for organs from living donors and other policies necessary and appropriate to promote the safety and efficacy of living donor transplantation for the donor and recipient. It further advised the OPTN that all living donation policies (other than data reporting policies) should be considered as best practices or voluntary guidelines and not subject to regular OPTN sanctions (even those available with respect to violation of non-enforceable policies) until the public has had an opportunity to comment on the matter.

The purpose of this solicitation of comments is to assist HRSA in determining whether OPTN living donor guidelines should be given the same status of other OPTN policies, i.e., be treated as policies developed in accordance with 42 CFR 121.8, and be subject to the same enforcement actions. If the Secretary decides these questions in the affirmative, OPTN policies relating to living donors would be treated the same as other OPTN policies developed in accordance with section 121.8 of the final rule. In other words, OPTN policies concerning living donors would not be considered enforceable policies under section 121.10 of the final rule, and violations of such

policies would not be subject to the sanctions described in section 121.10(c)(1), unless and until the Secretary approved such policies as enforceable.

Dated: January 13, 2006.

Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Meeting of the Office of Boating Safety's Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Planning Panel

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety is sponsoring a panel of representatives of the recreational boating community to discuss strategic planning goals, objectives and strategies that the Coast Guard may use to improve recreational boating safety. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will occur on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, February 4 through 6, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will occur at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> and at <http://uscgboating.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dionca Williams, Administrative Assistant, Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-267-1077, fax 202-267-4285. If you have questions on viewing material in the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-493-0402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

At the October 2004 meeting of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC), the Office of Boating Safety proposed to assemble a Goal-Setting Recommendation Panel. NBSAC endorsed this proposal. To facilitate this, the Coast Guard invited representatives of the recreational boating community to participate on this panel.

The Coast Guard held the meeting on February 8 and 9, 2005, in Arlington, VA. The panel considered, analyzed,

and proposed recreational boating safety (RBS) performance goals that can be supported by the government, industry, and the boating public. A representative of the panel presented its conclusions at the April 2005 NBSAC meeting. Minutes of the panel's February 2005 meeting may be obtained from the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The Coast Guard held a second meeting of the panel on October 8 and 9, 2005. The panel considered, analyzed, and proposed recreational boating safety program objectives related to the new RBS Program goals. A representative of the panel presented its conclusions at the November 2005 NBSAC meeting. Minutes of the panel's October 2005 meeting may be obtained from the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

A professional facilitator will moderate the third meeting. The panel will consider, analyze, and propose strategies to support the RBS Program goals and objectives previously developed. A representative of the panel will present its conclusions at the April 2006 NBSAC meeting. We will also prepare minutes of the third meeting. You may obtain them from the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished.

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 the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: January 13, 2006.

C.E. Bone,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Inspection and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Customs and Border Protection

Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC)

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location for the fifth meeting of the ninth term of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC), and the expected agenda for its consideration.

DATES: The next meeting of the COAC will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2006, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Pavilion Room of the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone 202-282-8431; facsimile 202-282-8504. Members of the public may submit written comments at any time before or after the meeting to the contact person for consideration by this Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fifth meeting of the ninth term of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC) will be held at the date, time and location specified above. This notice also announces the expected agenda for that meeting below. This meeting is open to the public; however, participation in COAC deliberations is limited to COAC members, Homeland Security and Treasury Department officials, and persons invited to attend the meeting for special presentations. Since seating is limited, all persons attending this meeting should provide notice preferably by close of business Monday, February 6, 2006, to Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone 202-282-8431; facsimile 202-282-8504.

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 Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone 202-282-8431; facsimile 202-282-8504, as soon as possible.

Draft Agenda

1. Introductory Remarks
2. WCO (World Customs Organization) "Security Framework" Implementation

3. Update on HSPD-13 (Homeland Security Presidential Directive-13) & National Maritime Security Advisory Committee
4. Security Subcommittee: C-TPAT (Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism) Carrier Criteria (Ocean and Truck)
5. Green Lane Task Force—Benefits Review
6. Textiles & Apparel Entry Processing
7. ACE (Automated Commercial Environment)/ITDS (International Trade Data System)
8. New Action Items
9. Adjourn

Dated: January 18, 2006.

Stewart A. Baker,

Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, United States Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Address Change for Filing Annual Election to Average for Motor Vehicles

AGENCY: Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: This document announces an address change for the Regulatory Audit Division, Office of Strategic Trade, Customs and Border protection for filing annual election to average for motor vehicles.

The new address for the Regulatory Audit Division, Office Strategic Trade, Customs and Border Protection is as follows: Regulatory Audit Division, Office of Strategic Trade, Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., c/o 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20229. Telephone number: 202-863-6010. Fax number: 202-863-6050.

DATES: Effective January 23, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11—Motor Vehicle Averaging, Appendix To Part 181—Rules of Origin Regulations, North American Free Trade Agreement. All filings for the annual election to average for motor vehicles under Section 11 of Appendix to Part 181, Rules of Origin Regulations of North American Free Trade Agreement, must be submitted to the above address.

Dated: January 9, 2006.

Cynthia A. Covell,

Director, Regulatory Audit Division, Office of Strategic Trade, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

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