

voluntary guidelines developed by IMO to monitor carbon dioxide emissions from ships operating internationally in anticipation of the MEPC 56 meeting. There will be a separate open meeting scheduled for June 20, 2007, to consider all of the items on the agenda for the MEPC 56 meeting.

In this context, IMO has drafted voluntary guidelines to monitor CO₂ emissions from ships operating internationally. These draft guidelines describe how to generate a CO₂ "index" (CO₂ emissions per unit of cargo and kilometer traveled) for each ship in a fleet. IMO member countries have been asked to test the draft guidelines, collect data on a ship's fuel consumed, distance sailed, and cargo carried over one year of operations; and to then apply the calculations in the guidelines to determine the CO₂ index for ships. The draft guidelines' aim to help owners monitor and improve the fuel efficiency of their operations and allow comparisons between the performances of different ships of a certain type (for example: Tankers, cargo ships, or passenger ferries). IMO countries are engaged in a trial period for the guidelines which goes until 2009. Following the trial period, the guidelines will be reassessed, and if found useful, voluntarily implemented internationally.

The U.S. Government would greatly appreciate any assistance that U.S. ship owners may be willing to provide, on a strictly voluntary basis, in testing these guidelines and submitting the results of their testing to the Coast Guard. If shipowners were to test the guidelines, we recommend ship that owners:

1. Collect data on a ship's fuel consumed, distance sailed, and cargo carried over one year of operations; and
2. Apply the calculations in the guidelines to determine the CO₂ index for each ship.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should call or send an e-mail two days before the meeting to LT Kevin Ferrie, Kevin.B.Ferrie@uscg.mil.

We welcome any feedback on the guidelines, particularly if you have any difficulties, questions, or suggestions for improvement. Your assistance in testing the guidelines will help ensure that any views and concerns you have are taken into consideration in finalizing these voluntary guidelines and that they will be easy to use once they are finalized, which we anticipate to be in 2009.

The draft guidelines, as well as more specific information on how to test

them, can be obtained by contacting the Coast Guard through the contact information below.

The public should also be aware that other countries have invited commercial fleets under their respective flags to test the draft guidelines. If members of the public would like data that has already been submitted, please contact the individual listed below for further information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne Lundy, Systems Engineering Division, Commandant (CG-3PSE-3), telephone 202-372-1379, or by e-mail at Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Shipping Coordinating Committee Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC, 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 15th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation to be held at the Royal Horticultural Halls and Conference Centre in London, England from June 4th to 8th.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Responsibilities of Governments and measures to encourage flag State compliance;
- Port State Control (PSC) Guidelines on seafarers' working hours;
- Harmonization of port State control activities;
- Comprehensive analysis of difficulties encountered in the implementation of IMO instruments;
- Mandatory reports under International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78);
- Casualty statistics and investigations;
- Review of the Code for the investigation of marine casualties and incidents;
- Review of the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of

- Survey and Certification (HSSC)—(resolution A.948(23));
 - Development of guidelines on port State control under the 2004 Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention;
 - Port reception facilities-related issues;
 - Illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing and implementation of resolution A.925(22);
 - Consideration of International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) unified interpretations;
- 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 call or send an e-mail two days before the meeting to Emanuel.J.Terminella@uscg.mil. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Mr. E.J. Terminella, Commandant (CG-3PCV), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 1116, Washington, DC 20593-0001 by calling (202) 372-1239, or by e-mail.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RNP SAAAR Approval Consultant Opportunities

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for applications

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced today that it is seeking to identify qualified industry consultants to assist 14 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 91, 121, 125, 129, 135 applicants as they pursue approval to conduct "Required Navigation Performance Special Aircraft and Aircrew Authorization Required" (RNP SAAAR) approaches. Provisions for gaining those approvals are contained within FAA Advisory Circular 90-101, "Approval Guidance for RNP Procedures with SAAAR." Applicants who meet certain qualifications will be permitted to enter into an agreement with the FAA to be listed as RNP SAAAR Approval Consultants.

DATES: Formal letter of application must be received on or before June 30, 2007.