

- and rescue services and passenger ships (MSC/Circ.1079)
- Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment related Conventions
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for NCSR 5
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2018
- Report to the Marine Safety Committee

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 9877]

**Notice of Public Meeting**

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the offices of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM), 1611 N. Kent Street Suite 605, Arlington, VA 22209. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the fourth session of the International Maritime

Organization's (IMO) Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, March 20-24, 2017.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Adoption of the agenda
- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Safety objectives and functional requirements of the Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS chapters II-1 and III
- Making the provisions of MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 mandatory
- Uniform implementation of paragraph 6.1.1.3 of the LSA Code
- Review the MODU Code, LSA Code and MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1
- Amendments to the FSS Code for CO2 pipelines in under-deck passageways
- Requirements for on-board lifting appliances and winches
- Amendments to the Guidelines for vessels with dynamic positioning (DP) systems (MSC/Circ.645)
- Revision of requirements for escape route signs and equipment location markings in SOLAS and related instruments
- Revised SOLAS regulations II-1/13 and II-1/13-1 and other related regulations for new ships
- Unified interpretation of provisions of IMO safety, security, and environment related conventions
- Review SOLAS chapter II-2 and associated codes to minimize the incidence and consequences of fires on ro-ro spaces and special category spaces of new and existing ro-ro passenger ships
- Develop new requirements for ventilation of survival crafts
- Consequential work related to the new Polar Code
- Biennial status report and provisional agenda for SSE 5
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018
- Any other business

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36089]

**Jacksonville Port Terminal Railroad—Operation Exemption—The Jacksonville Port Authority**

Jacksonville Port Terminal Railroad (JXPT), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to operate approximately 10.0 miles of rail line owned by the Jacksonville Port Authority (Authority) at the Talleyrand Docks and Terminal, in Jacksonville, Duval County, Fla. (the Line), pursuant to an operating agreement with the Authority. The Line runs from F&J Junction (between Norfolk Southern Railway milepost 5-C and CSX Transportation milepost 632.08) in an easterly direction to Municipal Docks Railway milepost 10.33 within the Talleyrand Marine Terminal.

This transaction is related to a concurrently filed verified notice of exemption in *Watco Holdings, Inc.—Continuance in Control Exemption—Jacksonville Port Terminal Railroad, L.L.C.*, Docket No. FD 36090, in which Watco Holdings, Inc., seeks Board approval to continue in control of JXPT upon JXPT's becoming a Class III rail carrier.

The transaction may be consummated on or after February 23, 2017, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).